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**Where We Attack at Anzio:** Backed up by battleships, planes and 1,000 big guns, American troops on the Anzio beachhead initiated a large scale offensive headed towards Cisterna (shown above on map). At the same time, American tanks attacked Terracina, located 23 miles from the beachhead. Nearly 1,000 heavy bombers bombed the Nazi headquarters at Frascati, as soon as the Anzio offensive got underway.

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ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, NAPLES, May 23 (UP).—Supported by battleships, planes and 1,000 big guns, American troops on the Anzio beachhead launched a general offensive today, synchronizing with the main Fifth and Eighth Armies in an Allied drive which caught German troops in a giant nut-cracker and opened the final battle for Rome.

American parachutists have descended in great force across the Appian Way between the fronts, a German broadcast said, and are engaged in fierce fighting with German troops.

Late front dispatches said the first objectives of the beachhead offensive were "being reached on schedule with mixed resistance—heavy in some sectors and light in others."

Allied artillery already was raking German positions with a crossfire from the southern and beachhead fronts as doughboy veterans of Africa and Sicily, rising from ravines and blood-red poppy fields at 6:30 a.m., smashed across the "bloody mile" toward Cisterna.

"Simultaneously, American tanks opened a frontal assault on Terracina, coastal anchor of the Germans' southern front 23 miles from the beachhead, and the British Eighth Army struck in a powerful renewal of its offensive against the Hitler line just south of Monte Cairo. The British cleared out a "large section" of the "Hitler line," but at nightfall fiercely defended Terracina still was in German hands.

Powerful tank forces supported the beachhead offensive, which ended a three-months lull on the embattled Allied-held strip of sand extending within 21 miles of Rome. Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark of the Fifth Army watched from an observation tower as his troops went over the top at H-Hour—6:30 a.m.

So bold was the timing of the offensive—beginning a full hour and a half after sunrise—that the German fore-field defenses were found unmanned and the Allied soldiers smashed quickly into the secondary lines. There they met fierce return fire from all arms.

British troops as well as Americans joined in the Anzio beachhead offensive.

#### SHIPS SHELL NAZI LINES

One of the greatest Allied convoys ever to anchor off Anzio arrived just before the battle started, carrying reinforcements, equipment and supplies. As the massed land guns began their pre-attack bombardment just before dawn, U. S. battleships stood close inshore and hurled tons of steel against German positions.

Nearly 1,000 heavy bombers and scores of lighter planes took up the bombardment as the attack began, concentrating on targets around the German headquarters town of Frascati and an eight-mile long ravine north of Cisterna where the Germans were most heavily concentrated. A 2,150-sortie softening-up bombardment was delivered on German positions around the beachhead yesterday.

A special Allied communique announced that the "battle of Italy has started upon a new phase."



GEN. MARK CLARK



# Sedition Trial Defense In New Anti-Semitic Rampage

By ART SHIELDS

WASHINGTON, May 23.—The Nazi plot trial was again a forum for anti-Jewish propaganda as Henry H. Klein of New York defended Hitler, vilified Rabbi Wise and other Jewish leaders and slandered President Roosevelt in his opening statement to the jury.

— An Editorial —

## We Warn Again

ARROGANCE still marks the conduct of the sedition trial defendants. When this trial opened, we warned the nation that it could not be taken lightly. We called attention to the fact that these men and women are on trial for actively working to bring about in America the shambles which Hitler has imposed on Germany and Europe.

We said they had powerful fifth column connections and that they would attempt to use this trial to weaken the morale of our people on the eve of the victory offensive.

That is precisely what they have set out to do. They have exhibited Nazi hoodlumism in the courtroom. They have defiantly preached before the bench the very crimes for which they are being tried.

They have shouted anti-Semitic and anti-Communist canards, in the method invented by Hitler, for the obvious purpose of arousing all the country's seditious elements.

With our boys about to risk their lives against the Nazi barbarians in the invasion of Europe, it is more than nauseating that this exhibition is permitted to continue. It is a danger signal to America.

We again call upon the people to see that this outrageous conduct of these defendants is stopped.

A major reason for this disgraceful development is the attitude assumed by the daily commercial press toward the trial.

The defeatist press gives open aid and comfort to the defendants. It seeks out every device that will present their case favorably.

The majority of the win-the-war press is itself at fault in its handling of the case. It plays the trial down or it tries to laugh it off as the work of "nuts."

The judge has made some real efforts of late to bring order into the courtroom and to expedite justice. He is working in a difficult atmosphere, under the conditions created by the newspapers.

The people's vigilance should demand of the press that it publicize this trial. This charge of a plot to destroy our country is certainly first-class news. It is imperative that newspapers and radio be made to treat it as such.

Progressive organizations, particularly labor, have a duty to hold mass meetings and explain what this trial is all about. The government has an obligation to go to the people with this case, to strengthen the country in its hour of test.

## Mayor Reports \$120,000,000 Available for Postwar Housing

By LOUISE MITCHELL

New low-rent housing units at an estimated cost of \$120,000,000 will be built in New York City as soon as labor and materials are available "if the state government doesn't put too many brakes on us," Mayor LaGuardia said yesterday at the Housing and Postwar Metropolitan forum at the Cosmopolitan Club.

Speaking before the conference of the Citizen's Housing Council, part of the current citywide Housing Week, the Mayor said tenants "will refuse to live in dangerous, dismal, unsanitary dwellings after the war, and they are right."

Recalling the city's experiences in building First Houses, a low-rent project, LaGuardia said it was "to the everlasting credit of President Roosevelt that the federal government for the first time in 156 years recognized that housing was the concern of government."

Assailing politicians and "experts" who opposed public housing "for selfish interests," the Mayor hit the courts for blocking housing improvements. Republicans in the State Legislature have gone on record against public housing except "in extreme emergencies."

A flurry of excitement ran through the hall when the Mayor refused to continue talking when the program was broadcast over WMCA. "I get no kick out of speaking over the radio," he said. On second thought, he continued his speech over the air.

Councilman Stanley Isaacs, drawing attention to the "inexcusable race relations policy" of Stuyvesant Town, criticized the City Planning Commission for underlining housing standards as in the case of the Metropolitan project and thus permitting creation of "slums of tomorrow."

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Rudolf Hess, Hitler's deputy fuhrer, was the Bund's chief contact man in Germany, said the witness. Constant interruptions by defense counsel prevented the witness from getting far in his first two hours. Hoodlum tactics were absent, however. Justice Eicher's heavy fines yesterday had their effect.

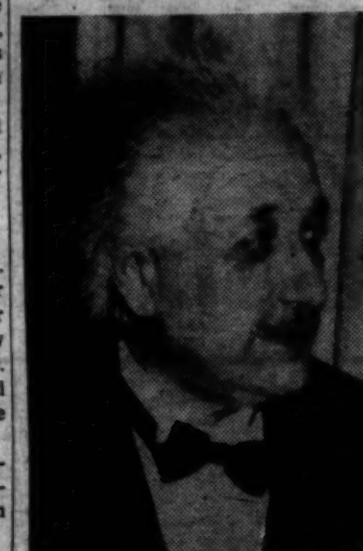
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## Jammed Garden Rally Greeted New Communist Political Association

A crowd that packed Madison Square Garden to the rafters last night greeted the newly-formed Communist Political Association. The rally, at which Earl Browder, president, was principal speaker, marked the closing session of a convention which saw the establishment of a broad, non-party organization, dedicated to strengthening national unity.

### Fourth Dimension Backs Fourth Term



Dr. Albert Einstein, world famous scientist, who issued a brief statement yesterday urging reelection of President Roosevelt for a fourth term. Einstein's endorsement coincided with a meeting at the Princeton Inn, Princeton, N. J. to form a New Jersey League of Independent Voters for the President's reelection. Einstein had made Princeton his home for a decade. Dr. Frank Klingdon of South Orange, former president of the University of Newark, was elected president of the league.

### Barry Joins Foes of OPA

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Rep. William Barry, New York Democrat, today joined the wrecking crew which is trying to destroy price control with sweeping amendments.

Barry has made public a radio speech in which he advocates five amendments to tie up OPA in legal red tape. Barry would make it possible for injunctions to be issued delaying OPA regulations and for companies or individuals to be able to challenge legality of OPA regulations at any time instead of within a 60-day time limit as at present.

As a member of the closely divided House Banking and Currency Committee, Barry's vote may be decisive in determining the kind of price control which will be reported out.

Teheran conference decisions, fixing common policy in the war and the peace to follow, dictate the path for patriots, Browder declared amid repeated waves of applause and audience demonstrations.

### ANGLO-U.S. RIVALRY

British-American rivalry is one source of conflict that must be tackled if the three-power alliance is to be strengthened as it must be, Browder warned.

The Communist convention, Browder announced proposes an Anglo-American long-term agreement on world economic policy guaranteeing to Britain a share in the world market not at the mercy of the "free competition" of America's unlimited resources and mass production.

Unity on the home front must take full production under the existing capitalist system as its starting point, the Communist leader asserted.

### POSTWAR PLANNING

This requires planning now for new peacetime markets totaling 90 billions of dollars, he declared, because only through such plans can fear of mass unemployment and economic collapse be dispelled.

Communists propose immediate expansion of foreign trade when war ends by 40 billions of dollars a year over usual foreign markets through government-sponsored and planned projects for rehabilitating devastated countries and industrializing undeveloped world areas, Browder said.

Browder vigorously condemned anti-Semitic, anti-Catholic, anti-Negro and anti-Communist propagandists whom he branded agents of Hitler "setting the American people to fight one another instead of the Nazi common enemy."

### DISSOLVED PARTY

Communists consider the danger of national disunity so great that they dissolved their party to "remove any partisan influence from our party," he told the Garden.

William Z. Foster, veteran Communist leader and a vice-president of the new association, opened the rally.

The spirit of men at the fighting fronts was brought by Robert Thompson, who won the Distinguished Service Cross in action in the Pacific. He is a member of the association's national committee.

International solidarity was brought home to the rally in fraternal messages from Latin American visitors: Senator Elias Lafferte, president of the Communist Party of Chile, and Senator Augusto Duran, president of the Communist Party of Colombia.

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, a vice-president of the association, spoke on women's role in the war. Other speakers included Councilmen Peter V. Cacchione and Benjamin J. Davis, Jr., co-chairmen; Gilbert Green, New York Communist secretary; Ben Gold, president of the CIO Fur and Leather Workers Union; Arnold Johnson, Ohio Communist secretary, and Ella Reeve (Mother) Bloor, a member of the national committee.

The rally was enlivened by a revue in which Josh White sang folk songs to his own guitar accompaniment and Laura Duncan and Jack De Merchant also presented a program of songs. Bernie Hern, comedian, entertained with a series of satirical sketches.

After the Garden sitting, Browder made an address over the NBC national hookup in which he stressed the highlights of the convention decisions.

## The Behind-the-Scenes Attack on NLRB

By ADAM LAPIN

WASHINGTON, May 23.—Gerard Reilly, member of the National Labor Relations Board, is working closely behind the scenes with old-guard AFL officials to renew in slightly revised form the notorious Frey rider.

Reilly was given a unanimous vote of "condemnation" by the CIO executive officers over the weekend for prompting a move to permit employers to bust unions by petitioning for an NLRB election whenever they please.

He is held responsible for a whole series in innovations in administration of the Wagner Act which in effect amount to anti-labor amendments.

In confidential communications and private conversations, Reilly is known to have disapproved of the government's policy of cracking down on Montgomery Ward.

An ambitious young lawyer who was a protege of Secretary Frances Perkins as Labor Department solicitor, Reilly is now reported to look longingly at the post of NLRB chairman now held by aged Harry A. Millis.

### APPEASING REACTIONARIES

Apparently he hopes to make the grade by appeasing reactionary congressmen and anti-labor employers.

Although AFL leaders are up in arms at some of Reilly's rulings, he is also trying to win them over by going along with them on the Frey rider which has been a boon to company unions and has in many cases hit AFL affiliates.

So discredited is the Frey rider that it would have little chance of renewal if Reilly had not teamed up with John P. Frey and other of its AFL sponsors.

As it now stands the Frey rider has been held by Comptroller Gen-

eral Lindsay Warren to protect company unions indefinitely as long as they renew their contracts.

Reilly proposes with AFL support to modify the Frey rider by permitting a challenge of company union contracts at the point of their renewal. This bill puts company unions in a much stronger position than they were before and leaves intact collusive AFL contracts.

### AMERICAN NEWS CASE

Reilly is held responsible for the American News Company decision in which NLRB for the first time construed its authority to deny workers' rights guaranteed under the Wagner Act.

In the Montgomery Ward case, Reilly from the start upheld the contention of the company that it was entitled to an election to test the strength of the union, and finally pressured the War Labor Board into ordering an election.

Reilly expressed displeasure in testimony today before the House Committee investigating the Montgomery Ward with a subsequent WLB ruling in the Chicago Transformer case denying that a new election was necessary to determine the union's status.

Although he took some slaps at repeated Montgomery Ward violations of the Wagner Act, Reilly sustained the company's principal argument when he said that "a situation was created which could well bring employers who desired to conform with Labor Board orders into conflict with the Wagner Act."

Reilly not only reiterated his support for the NLRB proposal that employers be permitted to petition for elections but also actually suggested that Congress "might very well" do something about it. He thus added new grounds to the strong labor protest against his activities.



# Sinarquists Bank on Dewey in November

By EFREN FARILL

MEXICO CITY, May 23.—The Nazi-inspired Sinarquist Union is now pinning its electoral hopes on Thomas E. Dewey's election to the U.S. presidency.

Since the split in its leadership, the Sinarquists' new "supreme leader," Manuel Torres Bueno, has oriented the organization mainly toward reliance on Republican reactionaries, on Father Charles Coughlin and Msgr. Fulton Sheen, as well as on Spanish Falange agents.

## EXPOSED BY LOMBARDO

Msgr. Sheen's visit to Mexico last fall determined the "new line" and precipitated the ouster of the former Sinarquist chief, Salvador Abascal. He was the direct representative of Nazi-Japanese interests, responsible for the debacle of the Sinarquist plan to "colonize" Lower California.

However, Torres Bueno also has connections with the Nazis, as Vicente Lombardo Toledano proved documentarily.

The Sinarquists' latest move is the organization in the city of Leon, state of Guanajuato, of a political party which is designed to win power in the 1945 elections.

They are rallying all the established conservative and fascist-minded forces—the Almazanistas, Gold Shirts and reactionary industrialists, as well as opponents of liberal Archbishop Luis Maria Martinez within the Catholic hierarchy.

At the present time, it is estimated that the Sinarquists have half a million members, although they claim double that number.

One-fifth of the membership quit the organization with Abascal.



GOV. DEWEY

## Japanese Open Big Scale Drives On 2 India Fronts

SOUTHEAST ASIA HEADQUARTERS, Kandy, Ceylon, May 23 (UP).

Japanese forces launched savage, big-scale attacks today on the Bay of Bengal and Manipur fronts, while the full force of monsoon rains and desperate enemy resistance slowed the Allied troops driving for three big enemy bases in northern Burma.

One Japanese force attacked along the border of the Arakan hill tracts of Burma and the Chittagong hill tracts of India on the Bay of Bengal front. A second Japanese army, strongly reinforced, apparently moved eastward across difficult hills from the Chindwin River valley and attacked suddenly and in great force in the Bishenpur area of the Manipur front, southwest of Imphal. This was regarded here as the more serious of the two enemy attempts to regain the initiative.

Japanese troops in Myitkyina and in and around Magaung and Kamaing were cut off, and they were fighting only for time.

CHUNGKING, Wednesday, May 24 (UP).—Chinese troops have cut the Burma Road in their Salween offensive and have opened counter-offensives over wide areas of northern Honan province where they are driving the Japanese before them at all key points, Chinese High Command communiqués reported today.

## Nazis Murder German Communist Leader

MEXICO CITY, May 23.—

Max Maddalena, member of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of Germany, was recently tortured to death in the Brandenburg dungeon near Berlin, according to reliable information received by his wife, Helen, who is active in the Free German movement here.

Maddalena was a deputy in the Reichstag from Hamburg before Hitler's access to power in 1933. Subsequently he took a leading part in organizing underground trade unions.

In 1935, Maddalena was arrested and condemned to death, but mass protests throughout Europe forced the Nazis to commute his sentence to life imprisonment.

## Record Air Fleet Smashes Nazi Plane, Rail Centers

LONDON, May 23 (UP).—More than 1,750 American heavy bombers and fighters made one of their most far-flung assaults against the Nazis' anti-invasion defenses in France today, hammering at least six airfields and two rail junctions after a 4,480-ton six-pronged RAF pre-dawn attack on targets in Germany, France and Belgium.

Escorted by a record fleet of more than 1,000 American fighters and by scores of RAF fighters, some 750 U. S. 8th Air Force Flying Fortresses and Liberators also bombed military objectives in western Germany.

The 8th Air Force assault on the Luftwaffe and the vital rail network paced the daylight phase of an aerial invasion of western Europe by more than 3,500 Allied warplanes.

### 6,000 TONS DROPPED

In 17 hours following midnight Monday, the huge Allied air fleet hurled more than 6,000 tons of destruction on western Europe.

While American and British heavy bombers carried the renewed pre-invasion air offensive through its fifth straight day, hundreds of other Allied bombers and fighters resumed attacks on military objectives, rail and road transport and other targets in northern France and Belgium.

Luftwaffe frontline airdromes hammered included fields at Orleans-Bricey, Bourges, 120 miles south of Paris, Avord, near Bourges, Etampes-Mondésir, 35 miles south southwest of Paris, Chateaudun, 70 miles southwest of Paris, and Caen, just behind the coast of northern France.

The American heavy bombers took off only a few hours after more than 1,000 RAF Halifaxes and Lancasters were dispatched by the RAF Bomber Command against Dortmund and Brunswick in Germany, and railyards at Le Mans and Orleans in France. Mosquito bombers also attacked the German chemical center of Ludwigshafen.

### Admits Extortion

Louis Hollander, organizer and former president of the Theatrical Costumers Workers Union, Local 21,313, AFL, pleaded guilty to a charge of attempted extortion yesterday in General Sessions and was continued at liberty on \$5,000 bail pending sentence June 14.

## Illegal Paper in Finland Hits 'Insincere' Approach to USSR

By United Press

The British radio said yesterday that a recent issue of Finland's only clandestine newspaper, which was not named, accused the Finnish government of "a lack of sincerity" when it asked the Soviet government for armistice terms.

"The government did so only to placate America and silence opposition at home," the paper was quoted as saying, "but it has neither the courage nor the good will to break off relations with Germany."

The broadcast, heard in New York by CBS, said the publication asserted the government's maneuver had "done nothing to save Finland," but "increased rather than lessened" Soviet distrust.



Castelforte, Italy, as the French forces saw it when they entered on the heels of the retreating Nazis. Roofless houses and shattered walls testify to the terrific pounding inflicted by Allied artillery.

## Yanks Sweep Through Anzio Poppy Fields

WITH THE FIFTH ARMY ON THE ANZIO BEACHHEAD, May 23 (UP).—Veteran American troops who have smashed the Germans on four previous battlegrounds rose from their slit trenches in full day-

light today and advanced through fields blood-red with poppies to break the German ring around the beachhead.

They were backed by the massed fire of more than 1,000 guns and led by tanks and tank destroyers. Their advance took them across a flat tableland named the "bloody mile," where the enemy waited in foxholes and in a zig-zag trench system patterned after the first World War.

The first line of picked shock troops disappeared into a thick haze, formed partly by mist and partly by smoke and dust from the tremendous barrage that drenched the battleground with shells. The steady fire of our covering machineguns mingled with the chatter of German light and heavy machineguns and machine pistols as the troops moved on.

Watching the beginning of the battle from a raised observation point was Lt. Gen. Mark W. Clark, commander of the 5th Army, but he saw little because of the haze.

### MOONLESS NIGHT

I watched the start of the attack from a battalion command post on a slight rise overlooking the battlefield after having spent the moonless night with the troops as they waited in ravines, slit trenches, weeds and the waist-high poppies.

Promptly at 6:30 p.m. we saw the men rise from concealment, with officers in the vanguard waving them on. They crawled and ran forward, accompanied by tanks and tank destroyers, and disappeared into the mist toward Cisterna.

We received only one report of what was happening beyond the

## British Albania Mission to Unite Guerilla Groups

LONDON, May 23 (UP).—Deputy Prime Minister Clement R. Attlee announced in the House of Commons today that a British mission is in Albania trying to unite rival guerilla forces there in what appeared to be an intensification of Allied attempts to coordinate the Balkan "shadow armies" behind a possible new Mediterranean-based offensive.

(Albanian Partisans now are receiving arms and ammunition from the Allies, Attlee was quoted as saying by the British radio in a broadcast heard in New York by the United Press.)

Indications that the efforts of the British "trouble shooters" may already be bearing fruit were seen by observers in recent Yugoslav reports that an estimated 30,000 Albanian "Sons of the Eagle," now in their sixth year of war against the Axis, had captured the highly strategic communications centers of Elbasani, 30 miles south of Tirana; Berat, 30 miles below Elbasani, and Corizza, 15 miles from the Greek border.

### IDENTIFY GROUPS

Identifying the three main groups, Attlee listed the National Liberation movement as the most active.

"It is predominantly left-wing, and its operations are most confined to southern Albania," he explained. "In the center, there is the legality movement of the supporters of King Zog, led by Maj. Avas Kupi. The third organization is the Balli Kombetar, or National Front—a more loosely-knit body of Albanian Nationalists.

mist. The first wave flashed back word that some units had found empty advance trenches from which the Germans had withdrawn at dawn, never expecting the Americans to begin their attack in broad daylight.

The men picked for the first wave were chosen troops. They had met and defeated the Germans in Tunisia, Sicily and Salerno, and they had taken and held this beachhead against every effort to drive them into the sea. For nearly a month they had received special training behind the lines in preparation for this day.

### ALL READY

Each of them knew the mettle of the Germans. As I had moved among them in the night I saw the way they repeatedly touched their ammunition pouches, loosened their hand grenades and ran their hands along their guns. They said little. No man smiled and none sang.

The enemy was at the ready. Any sign of activity on our side was blasted with red streams of enemy machinegun tracers and bullets. The lethal spray whined inches over our heads and chewed viciously into the shell-crumbled farm building where forward company headquarters was established.



# Labor Gets Behind Cantwell In 11th District By-Election Contest

A special committee of AFL, CIO and railway trade unionists was organized yesterday on Staten Island to push the candidacy of Thomas V. Cantwell, Democratic-American Labor Party candidate for Congress in the 11th district by-election on June 6. Virtually every union was represented.

Largest is Local 12 of the CIO Marine and Shipbuilding Workers with 4,500 members. Tom Flynn, president of Local 12 and Joe Kelly, official of Local 39, head the special election committee. Kelly is the union's representative on the Political Action Committee.

## UNION CALLS RALLY

A special meeting of some 300 members of the union has been called for tomorrow (Thurs.) night to organize the campaign to elect Cantwell. Posters, large signs, and circulars are being issued, and a sound truck will travel through the Island for the next two weeks. Three-quarters of the 11th district live on Staten Island.

In lower Manhattan, American Labor Party members are meeting tonight (Wed.) at the Bank Street school to prepare a similar campaign in the parts of the 1st, 3rd and 10th assembly districts lying within the 11th congressional district.

The New York CIO Council, in a message to its members this week said it was the "responsibility of labor to demonstrate the overwhelming support for Roosevelt and a Win-the-War congress 'by getting out the vote in the by-election. It warned the GOP is making the election a 'barometer' of opposition to the President's policies.

Cantwell's Republican opponent, Ellsworth B. Buck, in his first campaign speech Monday night, attacked the "New Deal's" handling of the manpower problem in typical anti-FDR language.

Buck, former president of the NYC Board of Education, is considered a strong candidate and the Republicans are out to elect him. They believe it possible and are aware that success in New York City would be a severe blow to the President's supporters.

## Detroit Unity Parley

DETROIT, May 23.—To mobilize citizens of foreign birth or extraction further behind the war effort, the American Committee for Protection of Foreign Born is sponsoring a unity conference this Sunday at the Book-Cadillac Hotel.

# Teacher Admits Anti-Semitic Remarks in Class, Say Parents

By LOLA PAINE

The teacher in P.S. 25, Brooklyn who, according to parents, admitted making anti-Semitic remarks in her current events class, was named yesterday as Gladys L. Laubenheimer, the Daily Worker learned.

Parents representing the Schools Council of Bedford, Stuyvesant and Williamsburg met with Miss Laubenheimer after students verified hearing her statements. In a 14-page document presented to Superintendent Wade, the parent gave a transcript of questions they asked Miss Laubenheimer and her answers. The transcript, which does not name the teacher, reads as follows:

Q.—Did you say that one day while riding in the subway you saw an elderly man, with a beard, reading a foreign newspaper and that you felt like slapping his face and tearing the paper?

A.—Yes, I said that. That's how I felt. That was my opinion. I'm entitled to my opinion, am I not?

Q.—Did you say that immigration should have stopped after 1880, be-

## Simplified Tax Goes to FDR

WASHINGTON, May 23 (UP).—The tax simplification bill, cleared the last congressional hurdle today and was sent to President Roosevelt for signature.

The principal features of the bill are:

1. The Victory tax is repealed and a new normal tax of three percent takes its place. The present normal tax of six percent and graduated surtaxes are replaced by a schedule of graduated surtaxes starting at 20 percent.

2. A uniform exemption of \$500 per person is allowed for purposes of the surtax for the taxpayer and each dependent. A standard \$500 exemption is allowed for purposes of the normal tax.

3. A new schedule of withholding taxes become effective Jan. 1. These are designed to take from the taxpayers' wages or salaries an amount almost equal, if not equal, to the full tax indebtedness of earnings subject to taxation.

4. The taxpayer is allowed to take an automatic 10 percent deduction, but not more than \$500, to cover interest payments, contributions, tax payments and other deductible items.

5. Taxpayers with an income of less than \$5,000 and who have no income in excess of \$100 which was not subject to withholding, will merely file their withholding tax receipt as their income report. The Internal Revenue collector will figure whether the taxpayer is entitled to a refund or should be billed for additional taxes.

## Proud War Mother

CLEVELAND, May 23 (UP).—Mrs. Julia Dossa, a 54-year-old widow, is a proud war mother, for 11 of her 12 children are today helping defeat the Axis somehow. Six boys are in the Army, three other sons and a daughter work in war plants. The eleventh was discharged from the Army because of a physical disability and is driving a truck.

cause since then we've been getting nothing but the scum of Europe? Also, did you say that although America has been called a melting pot, you can't very well make stew out of garbage?

A.—Yes, certainly, that's in one of our history books, and I can show you the book.

Q.—Did you say that England is dictatorship and has dragged us into every war and that she has not had an election since 1934?

A.—Yes! Well, have they?

Q.—Did you say we don't know what went on at the Teheran Conference, that there were secret goings-on and you hoped the new Congress would cancel all that?

A.—Well, does anyone know what went on at Teheran?

Q.—What right have you to tell the children that our Russian ally is preparing for a third world war and can't be trusted?

A.—(No comment).

Mothers interviewed by the Daily Worker in Wade's offices Monday told of disreputable conditions in schools which their children attended. One by one they told of overcrowded classes, classes without



The story of 25 years of Communist activity was dramatically pictured in the convention exhibit. From the panels "Our Heritage" to "9,250 Communists" in the United States Army, the history of working class struggle for democracy is documented with rare photographs, clippings, pamphlets and photostats. The panel above pays tribute to Communists participating in the nation's most crucial battles.

## Pictures Tell Story Of Communist Activity

By LOUISE MITCHELL

Few history books more accurately record the struggles for American democracy than the exhibit which was on view at the Riverside Plaza Hotel, where Communists held their convention. Photographs as old as

the art itself, rare pamphlets, leaflets, clippings, photostats and etchings presented the sweep and scope of Communist activity in American history.

To the men and women at the convention, the display was personal history. It was the account of the American labor movement in action. Some 15 huge panels documenting the epic story of our lifetime showed the Communist organization as the organic part of the American working class.

From the panel "Our Heritage," a montage of founding father portraits, documents, as well as leaflets calling Communist meetings in the year of 1879, to the last panel

"9,250 Communists," a tangled, yet unbroken thread for freedom's fight broken thread for freedom's fight is woven. The present war to end poverty and barbarism is the exhibit's keynote.

The faces of William Z. Foster, Eugene Debs and "Big Bill" Heywood dominate the panel on labor's struggles with priceless photos of the railroad strike of 1887, the Carnegie steel strike of 1892, the Pullman strike, the Colorado metal strikers, the Lawrence strike of 1912.

"Our Honored Dead" pictures J. Louis Engdahl, C. E. Ruthenberg, Jack Johnstone, Rose Pastor Stokes, Moisseye Olgin, Harold Ware, Abraham Markoff, J. B. McNamara, John Reed, Tom Mooney and Harry Gannes.

Gastonia, Memorial Day Massacre, sit down strikes, mass demonstrations are included in "Labor's March Forward."

## HOOVER'S HOME FRONT

Hoovervilles, breadlines, home relief fights, unemployment parades, bonus marchers, tear gas attacks, the heroic demonstrations led by Israel Anter make up the panel on "Unemployment and Social Security."

"For Democratic Rights" records the Scottsboro Atlanta cases, the fight to free Luis Carlos Prestes and other political prisoners. Robert Minor dominates this panel.

The farmer's fight for survival during the blighted years of the early '30's is in evidence. Modern-day Abolitionists, Benjamin J. Davis and James W. Ford, highlight the panel on "Negro Equality" with its documents on lynchings, murder, terror and anti-poll tax battles.

George Dimitroff's massive figure hovers over the sniveling Van der Lubbe standing in the dock at the Reichstag trial in "Fascism Means War" panel, which also shows French Communists in action against Daladier. Chamberlain looks no less evil than Hitler in a picture of the twins death.

"Spain Against Fascism," "China Resists," and "Fighting Against Fascism" record the battles for a

## Negro Citizens Press Alabama Ballot Struggle

By MARY BOGGS

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., May 23.—Encouraged by the Supreme Court decision against the "White primary" and the renomination of Senator Hill in the May 2 primaries, Negro citizens in Alabama are pressing forward in the fight for the franchise.

In Montgomery, state capital, where several Negroes were turned away from the polls on primary day, block committees are being organized to carry through registration of Negro voters when the books open toward the end of June. This house-to-house work has been planned chiefly through the efforts of Arthur A. Madison, Negro attorney.

Madison filed appeals early this year from 13 Negro citizens who had been refused by local registration boards. During April five persons withdrew their appeals under pressure and Madison was arrested and brought to trial for practicing without obtaining the authority of the client. The other cases were dismissed on the grounds of late filing.

Madison has appealed his case to the circuit court and will renew the appeals for the eight clients.

Several mass meetings have been held to encourage Negroes to register.

In Mobile criminal action is being planned against election officials who turned Negroes away from the polls in the primaries, according to John LaFolr, regional representative of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. In Birmingham, a test case against registration officials is due this month. W. L. Patterson, represented by Arthur D. Shores, leading Negro lawyer, will sue for damages and a declaratory statement on registration procedure regarding Negroes.

In Atlanta it is reported that large numbers of Negroes have registered in the past few weeks. Registration officials went to Negro as well as white high schools to assist in the registration of teen-age voters. Young women have taken a special interest in the franchise. A club of wives and sweethearts of servicemen was organized recently, which made the chief requisite for membership a qualified voter's receipt.

## Drive Urged For FEPC Fund

The Fair Employment Practice Committee will die on June 30 unless Congress approves President Roosevelt's request for a \$585,000 appropriation, George C. Marshall, chairman of the National Federation for Constitutional Liberties, warned yesterday.

Marshall's warning was included in a letter to 1,000 national and community leaders urging they get on the job at once to see that the House acts favorably on the appropriation.

The current bulletin of the New York City CIO Council urges members to write immediately to Chairman Clarence Cannon (D-Mo) of the House Appropriations Committee, which is now considering the measure, and to Rep. James M. Fitzpatrick (D-Bx), committee member from N.Y.C.

just foreign policy before and after the Munich blackout.

"American Soviet Friendship" celebrates the mighty alliance which has become the bulwark of wartime and postwar unity.

"The Daily Worker and The Worker" panel tells the historic events in headlines, photos and front pages.

If a picture is worth more than a thousand words, as the saying goes, the exhibit deserves a place in every American library and school.





## Union Lookout

- Hillman Epigram
- A Unity Convention

by Dorothy Loeb

Gavin MacPherson, administrator of the big CIO union at Federal Shipyards, Kearny and Port Newark, N. J., yards has just been given new honors. His union, the Industrial Union of Marine and Shipbuilding Workers, named him director of organization for northern New Jersey and he was appointed a member of the War Manpower Commission in the Newark area. He's been administrator of IUMSWA's Local 16 since October, 1943.

Sidney Hillman, chairman of CIO's Political Action Committee, likes to use Selective Service terminology to describe the draft Roosevelt movement. "We've sent the President word that he's 1-A," he told reporters at the Amalgamated Clothing Workers convention in Chicago. "Now we're waiting for the Republican convention so that we can see who's 4-F."

There wasn't a whisper of red-baiting by delegates at the ACW convention, which was an all-out win-the-war meeting from start to finish. Some thought James V. Carey, national CIO secretary, might have been probing a little for disunity sentiments when he devoted one or two of a half dozen minutes before the delegates to recalling that he was for Roosevelt in 1940 when his own union, the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers, didn't take any official position. If it was a sounding, nobody rose to it and the convention continued in completely unified spirit. As a matter of fact, every single action was taken unanimously. Only once did a delegate speak against an administration proposal and that was on increasing the pay of two leading union officers. But on the vote, no opposition was recorded.

### News Capsules

## Vet Reenlists at 17

Clifford Wherley of Elmwood, Ill., who at 16 won the Air Medal and Three Oak Leaf Clusters, completing 22 missions as a turret gunner celebrated his 17th Birthday here by re-enlisting. He was discharged from the Air Corps last August when his mother revealed his real age. Before that happened however, he participated in air attacks on Palermo, Pantelleria, Tunis, Gabes, Sfax, Sardinia and Kasserine Pass, and flew three missions with Lt. Gen. James H. Doolittle.

A passenger and the driver were killed when a Greyhound bus crashed into a concrete post on the Dixie Highway between Cincinnati and Lexington, Ky. Thirty passengers were injured.

At Genesee, N. Y. 37 year old T/Sgt. Arthur Hasler, home on furlough from Italy, was figuring out how to put 100 candles on his father's birthday cake. He was granted the furlough after his mother wrote the President requesting that her son be allowed to come home to celebrate his father's 100th birthday.

Another set of quadruplets made their appearance in England when Mrs. Daisy Moxham, wife of an RAF flying officer gave birth to three boys and a girl. Mother and children are reported doing well. The first quads whose dad is U. S.

Army Sgt. William H. Thompson were born just four months ago to the day.

Six officers and five non-commissioned officers, all of New York, now in the U. S. Eighth Air Force based in England, received the distinguished Flying Cross for outstanding performances against the Germans.

A restless barrage balloon, 34 feet long and 14 feet around which tugged loose from its moorings at pier 1, North River, was last sighted somewhere between Floyd Bennett Field and Fire Island. Filers are searching for it. It can stay in the air for two months.

Iowa floodwaters continued to rise as soldiers and civilians pitched in to reinforce Fisher Bridge, three miles north of Des Moines, with 9,000 sandbags. The bridge holds a 12-inch natural gas pipeline which supplies the city. Eleven persons have drowned property and livestock damage has mounted to several million dollars. At Des Moines the river probably will reach 24.5 feet, second highest on record, today, it was estimated.

The 43-year-old Broadway playboy, Thomas Gorman, who up until 10 days ago lived at the swanky Ambassador Hotel, is being sought. A federal warrant is out for his arrest as the alleged organizer and director of a liquor black market which netted profits of more than \$500,000 from above ceiling sales.

Hundreds of neighbors filed past the coffin of five-year-old Richard Richie, who was drowned in the East River last Wednesday with his twin sister Irene. Her body has not been recovered yet. He was buried in Calvary Cemetery, Queens.

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## Chrysler Strike Ends by Orders of UAW Heads

DETROIT, May 23 (UP).—A wild-cat strike caused by union rivalry over soft drink truckers which slowed production of vital war material at six Chrysler corporation plants was called off today at the demand of CIO United Automobile Workers international executives.

End of the week-long walkout was announced publicly by UAW-CIO headquarters, which said the decision had been confirmed by William Jenkins, president of Local 490 UAW-CIO. Jenkins had led a rebellion in which members employed at the Chrysler Highland Park plant defied international union and War Labor Board orders to go back to work.

The strike was called off as the international union's executive board prepared to sit in judgment of Jenkins and other local officers accused of violating the no-strike pledge.

The trial will go on as scheduled, it was announced.

R. J. Thomas, international union president, appealed to union members to return to work promptly.

"I am glad the officers and executive board of Local 490 have stepped up to their responsibility to their membership of the union and to the war effort," he said.

"I hope the members of Local 490 will follow out the wishes of their officers and return to work on the next shift.

"As soon as this is done the grievances of the men can be handled under the procedures of our contract with the Chrysler corporation."

A special meeting of the international executive board will be held tomorrow at 1 a.m., Thomas said.

## City Center Big Success

The City Center of Music and Drama, nine-month-old city operated theatre, has been a success both artistically and financially, Harry Friedgut, managing director, told the project's board of trustees yesterday.

He took issue with critics who assert the Center operates in unjust competition with Broadway commercial houses, stating the City Center aims to "create something different" and "does not depend on the transit trade."

Friedgut pointed out the municipal theatre organizes its own audiences through union, colleges, schools, professional groups and city employees.

He described the City Center audiences as "a new, unsophisticated, eager mass of people who are hungry for this contact with music and drama in a theatre where they can get somewhere near enough to the stage to enjoy it, at a price within their reach."

Joseph M. Cunningham, comptroller of the City Center, reported the project had a gross revenue of \$387,597.67 during the initial period from July 6, 1943, to April, 1944. It showed a profit of \$844.77 in line with its non-profit character.

Besides creating a new chorus and paying the members both during rehearsals and performances, the City Center has given employment to hundreds of artists and actors, the payroll being \$400,000 in less than six months.

### Carnegie-Illinois

### Steel Firm Acquitted

PITTSBURGH, May 23 (UP).—A Federal court jury today acquitted Carnegie-Illinois Steel Corp. on charges of falsifying tests of steel ship plates delivered to the Navy, Maritime Commission and the Treasury Department.

At the same time, the jury, acting on instructions of Judge Gibson, also acquitted the corporation on charges of destroying records of steel tests and analysis.



Elected to CPA Leadership: Laborites on the National Committee of the Communist Political Association — (l. to r.): Louis Weinstein, secretary-treasurer of Painters District Council 3, AFL; Dr. Bella Dodd, member of the executive board of the Teachers Union, and Ben Gold, president of the International Fur & Leather Workers. David Davis, business representative of the United Electrical, Radio & Machine Workers in Philadelphia, and Nat Ganley, United Auto Workers local leader in Detroit, also were elected to the Committee. —Daily Worker Photo.

### Cutbacks

## Brewster--A Test of Reconversion Policy

by George Morris

What will happen to the plants of Brewster Aeronautical and to their 12,500 employees?

The answer will test our postwar readjustment policy.

The Navy's contracts for Corsair fighter planes were suddenly slashed in half. Work upon them will be completed by July 1. Unless other war orders are in sight, the plants at Long Island City and Johnsville, Pa., must close.

Whether Corsair fighters should be the favored planes in this war is only for military leaders to decide. But, as Henry Kaiser who had just stepped out of the Brewster presidency said, the problem of what to do with the plants is one for civilian authorities and one they must decide quickly. Kaiser noted that Brewster workers may be thrown out of work on "three days' notice."

### WIDE REPERCUSSIONS

Millions of war plant workers throughout the country are watching Brewster to get an idea of their own fate. So are employers watching to see how the readjustment policies as outlined recently in the Baruch-Hancock report work out in practice.

Brewster is only the first major group of plants to face complete shutdown. The problem of dealing with its situation is a delicate one because:

• We are still in the midst of our war effort, on the eve of the high-point offensive. The fate of this plant and its workers will affect morale and productivity of war industries in general.

• We are in the midst of a manpower crisis. How Brewster's experienced personnel is preserved for maximum use is important.

• A decision has to be reached on whether Brewster facilities can be quickly turned to other war production or to vital civilian needs.

Brewster had already undergone a partial liquidation when its Newark plant was shut down. Some of its workers with long seniority were transferred to the other two plants to take the place of laid-off newer workers. But the thousands who were dismissed were scattered to the four winds on the theory that they would naturally find their way to other employment.

Actually, many workers went into fields that are not essential war industry. A large number of women gave up work altogether. To follow the same policy with a team of 12,500 workers—the majority experienced—would be recklessly to throw away much-needed labor.

One conclusion is definite: the

Brewster plant must continue in production. If that idea takes precedence, employer, union and government representatives should get together on the problem.

### Radio Talks to Mark City's Harlem Week

The third annual Citywide Harlem Week begins next Monday and extends through June 4, the Citywide Citizens Committee on Harlem announced yesterday. The purpose is to focus attention on health, housing, education and recreation, consumer problems, crime and delinquency, and employment in Negro communities.

The Citywide Citizens Committee on Harlem, headed by Assemblyman William T. Andrews and Dr. Algernon D. Black, with headquarters at 516 Fifth Ave., will during the sponsor radio broadcasts and special programs

### Day to Remember

AMHERST, Mass., May 23 (UP).—PFC Paul Bowles will never forget his wedding day. After completing a two-hour Army Specialist examination in half an hour, he walked and hitch-hiked 90 miles to Boston, where he arrived six hours later in the middle of the Bridal Chorus from Lohengrin.

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## SOUNDING BOARD



## Wallace's Trip to China

VICE PRESIDENT HENRY A. WALLACE is on his way to the Far East upon a mission for the President which Americans will follow with keen interest. Interestingly enough, this will be a visit to Soviet Siberia and Central Asia as well as to Chungking. But it is the Chinese phase which has the most pressing importance, especially since the Japanese armies threaten key regions of central China itself.

The military picture in China, which naturally concerns the entire Allied plan for defeating Japan, is a reflection of an even more grave political picture. And that centers basically upon the continued deadlock between the Communists and the Kuomintang, the continued blockade of the Northwest Border Region, the continued suppression of democratic expression in the rest of free China.

We have every confidence in Mr. Wallace's purpose and the Administration's desire for unity of China's fighting forces. In fact, as Earl Browder pointed out last Saturday to the Communist Political Association convention, this country has a very good declared policy for China. But unfortunately it remains no more than a declared policy.

### Roots in Domestic Reaction

How has that been possible? Certainly because of the constant pressure from reactionary circles who encourage anti-Communist policies to the Chungking government and simultaneously seek to undermine the President's leadership at home. Certainly, also, because of the general failure of Americans to appreciate the urgency of the Communist-Kuomintang crisis and the vital military importance to us of resolving it.

Moreover, our advice to China has meant little because we have not practiced at home what we preach abroad. Anti-Communist prejudices must be dissolved in this country in the unity of all patriotic forces; that in itself would encourage Chungking to take the Administration's advice seriously.

China needs our supplies, but she can help herself most by internal unity. China needs advice from Washington on the urgency of such unity, but she will be most impressed if Americans themselves show what they mean by unity of Communists and non-Communists here at home.

## Avery Scheme Boomerangs

THE government seized a second plant of Montgomery Ward & Co., this time after it was closed for a month by a strike caused by the company's flat refusal to comply with a War Labor Board decision. But there isn't a ripple of excitement. No photograph of a company executive carried out by soldiers appeared in a single newspaper. In fact everything is running smoothly at the Springfield, Ill., Hummer plant.

Sewell Avery and forces behind him must realize that they overplayed their hand in the first case. As matters are turning out, they are getting more than they have bargained for. The investigating committee hearings that emerged out of the congressional lynching bee on the Ward issue are not turning out according to plan.

The first blow was a hard one, and it hit Avery. Chairman William H. Davis, in his testimony, revealed that employer members of the WLB have issued statements sharply attacking Avery's attitude.

### Defeatism Unmasked

The people can now see through the Avery maneuvers and recognize in them a conspiracy to cause division among the people and use it for the partisan and defeatist purposes of his backers. It should also be clear that those few in labor ranks who seek to help the Averys in their provocations are serving the same destructive purpose.

As Davis brought out at the congressional hearing the entire issue of employer-labor wartime relations and the operation of the disputes procedure through the tripartite WLB, was at stake. Avery challenged it and the government had to act to enforce the law and protect the country's war interest.

The WLB, however, also has a responsibility if the integrity and effectiveness of its decisions is to be preserved. Its machinery ought to be geared to solve problems more rapidly if restlessness among the workers is to be avoided.

Another threat to smooth employer-labor relations is the growing tendency in the National Labor Relations Board to undermine the very act under which it operates.

### Between the Lines

## Greek and Yugoslav Crisis

by Joseph Starobin

YOU will notice that both the Yugoslav and Greek governments-in-exile have been experiencing another of their prolonged crises in recent weeks. In both cases, the inspired stories from London and Cairo emphasize how very much King George of Greece and King Peter of Yugoslavia want to create a basis for unity with the liberation movements in the home-lands.



Both cases signify, I think, the approaching liberation of Europe, which makes imperative some practical decision as to the future of the exiled governments. It is also obvious that the world authority of the Greek EAM as well as Marshal Tito's movement has grown in recent months, not to mention their heightened prestige in the home countries. The governments-in-exile cannot ignore this prestige; they have to be reorganized and more "democratic" figures brought forward if the world is to pay any attention to them whatsoever.

### Re-Emergence of 'Democratic' Figures

This explains in the case of Greece the fact that a Socialist, George Papandreou, was finally pulled out of a hat after the old-line politicians in Cairo had been exhausted. And this explains the emergence of men like the former Croatian governor, Ivan Subasic, whose attitude toward the Yugoslav partisans while visiting this country was quite sympathetic.

Finally, it is clear that the chief responsibility for these maneuvers rests with the British government. Churchill knows that if things take their natural course the peoples of Yugoslavia and Greece will order their affairs without regard to the crowd in exile altogether. The Greek King is certainly unpopular. As for Peter, there is no sentiment left for him except possibly in backward areas of Serbia.

So while the British government has established close relations with the EAM and the Peoples Army, on the military plane, it tries to gain a better bargaining position against them

by sponsoring a "democratization" of the governments-in-exile on the political plane, in a last-minute effort to save the royal houses in each country.

The game is pretty transparent. It represents the final disintegration of these governments-in-exile considering the reactionary basis on which they were originally constituted. Quite possibly, some unity moves will be worked out in both cases, with the issue of the monarchy postponed until after the war. But such unity will undoubtedly be on Tito's terms, on the terms of the EAM to a much greater extent than the British Foreign Office would have preferred.

### Spanish Junta Confirmed

In Spanish Republican circles, there's been a bitter campaign against the Supreme Junta of National Union, formed inside of Madrid last November. Social-Democrats like Indalecio Prieto have tried to deny the Junta's existence, much as did Luigi Antonini in the case of the Italian national front two years ago. So I was interested in a front-page N. Y. Herald Tribune item last Saturday which credits La Suisse de Geneva as saying that "Spanish guerrillas descended recently from mountain hideouts in Spain and attacked Germany-bound trains, trucks and boats. The recently organized resistance movements under a National Junta was said to be operating in protest against Spanish collaboration with Germany."

## Worth Repeating

CAPT. DAVID G. WRIGHT, Army psychiatrist, in report on team work and courage of our bombardiers over Europe:

In the period when disaster was momentarily expected, the alternative plans of action were made clearly and with no thought other than for the safety of the entire crew. All at this point were quiet, unobtrusively cheerful and ready for anything. There was at no time paralysis, panic, unclear thinking, faulty or confused judgment or self-seeking in any one of them.

It appeared strikingly that the emergency did not tend to increase the difference in the reaction pattern of the differing personalities; rather they came to act in much more similar fashion than usual.

One could not possibly have inferred from behavior that this one was a man of unstable moods and that that one was a shy, quiet, introspective man. They all became outwardly calm, precise in thought and rapid in action.

VICE ADMIRAL RUSSELL R. WAESCHE, commandant of the Coast Guard, in his tribute to the merchant marine: It is fitting for us to recognize publicly the patriotism, courage, sacrifice and labor of these men and women, both ashore and afloat, who are making it possible for our ships to carry men and materials to the far-flung battlefields of global war.

Dr. Eduard Benes, president of the Czechoslovak government, will be 60 years old on this Sunday. . . . A special course on Italian-American Problems opens next Monday morning at the Jefferson School of Social Science . . . every morning from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., with Dr. Ambrogio Donini, Mary Testa and Ferruccio Marini as instructors. . . . A reader upbraids me for not mentioning in a previous column where Marshal Tito's first-person article appears. . . . It's the Free World magazine for May 19 . . . and he asks what book Joachim Joesten recently published. . . . It's What Russia Wants, by Duell, Sloan and Pearce. Joesten's attack on the "Anti-Soviet Book Club" was mimeographed and circulated privately. . . .

Lucien Midol, French Communist leader who just returned to Algiers, told the story of how the 27 Communist deputies, during their imprisonment in North Africa, used to get letters from friends, and all of them, strangely enough, reported that "Uncle Joe was doing very well." Every deputy, it seemed to the censors, had an Uncle Joe. And every Uncle Joe was doing just fine.

Until the censors caught wise and began to cut out all such references. But one deputy, it appears, really had an Uncle Joe who was seriously ill, and was at last recovering. The censors took no chances, however. This deputy did not learn until after being freed in February, 1943, that his Uncle Joe had recovered.



# Change the World

A FRIEND of mine is still suspicious of all these "alleged" bombings by our planes over Hitler's Fortress Europa.

"How do we know anything is actually being done?" he asks with the inexorable logic of Alice in Wonderland. "Have we seen it with our own eyes? We only have these carefully prepared reports and alleged photographs to go on."

"So I ha' me doots, ma fren, I ha' the doots! Is it not a big propaganda stunt to pull the wool over our eyes and to dull our demands for the Second Front? By the way, where is that Second Front?"

And so on. Have you any such crepe-hangers in your circle of friends? They are often dear, sensitive folk, with genuine heartburns that no bicarbonate can ever cure. They suffer for their dim view of things. They don't want to be so hopeless. They would rather be positive and militant. But the facts, sir, the stern facts must be faced, they say. What facts, you ask? And they trot out their moods, frustrations, doubts, fears and all the other ectoplasms. Sometimes a wee fact, but not too often.



by Mike Gold

IN CANADA, they seem to have crepe-hangers, too. Friend John Weir of the Canadian Tribune quotes from an editorial that appeared in the May issue of the Canadian Forum, organ of the Cooperative Commonwealth Federation:

"Liberalism is in full retreat on all fronts in American domestic politics; the President has lost interest in the New Deal; labor is torn by bitter internal disputes, and all the recent elections have resulted in liberal defeats. In foreign affairs the President's European policy has been anything but liberal."

And so on; a liturgy of defeatism which makes you feel that waging a war against fascism is the most hopeless and illiberal activity in which a democracy can engage.

The Commonwealth editorial appeared only a few hours before the elections of Sens. Pepper and Lister Hill at the South; the hara-kari of the infamous Martin Dies; the defeat of other reactionary congressmen; the drive against S. L. Avery and similar union-busters and anti-democracy rebels of big business.

WHAT do the crepe-hangers hope to gain by painting our war in such dark and

## The Crepe Hanger Helps Only the Paper Hanger

hopeless colors? What is this dubious propaganda that bids us to expect only terrible suffering and mass unemployment and bankruptcy after we have won the war against Hitlerism?

In our country, PM, the New Leader and similar organs of social democracy follow this crepe-hanging line.

THEY the very, very "r-r-revolutionary," these crepe-hanging followers of Keren-sky, but it is at the wrong time.

Now is the historic hour when we are poised for the final smash of the Hitler system.

Whoever hangs crepe on our project or makes us doubt that the victory is worthwhile can only serve Hitlerism.

But they deceive only themselves and their own ingrown cliques. The great masses have a truer ear for the music of events. The people everywhere know that the destruction of the central core of world fascism in Berlin will rob the life from all the writhing limbs and branches of the horrible monster.

The people are on the march. Victory is in our grasp. Fascism is doomed. How can anyone that has eyes fail to see it? And who can mourn over it all or suffer doubt but the fascist enemy?

# Making the Grade

SIX MILLION school children in the United States now getting school lunches at cost are getting something else along with their nourishment.

The low-cost food comes from the Surplus Foods Division of the Department of Agriculture, but the youngsters don't just gobble it up with no questions asked. Kids will be kids and they want to know why, and that's where the education comes in.

"Why is it so cheap and where does it come from?" they ask. The answer gives them their first direct contact with their government. Washington begins to mean something.

The operation of the school lunch leads to further lessons. Where the youngsters used to scatter for lunch to their respective homes, they march into the same cafeteria, eat together, sit together and talk.



THE effect in breaking barriers of race, color, religion is obvious. In many cases, if not in most, the children are associated in planning, preparing and serving the food,

by Sarah Winston

thereby multiplying the personal contact.

Here's an elementary school in Hamlin County, in Tennessee, for instance, where every single pupil has a hand in the lunch program. Those in grades 4, 5 and 6 are managers of the project; the intermediate students plan the menus, buy the supplies and keep the records—all through committees. In a larger school in the same state, the Whitehaven High School, conferences and discussions covering all the problems involved precede the week's lunch preparation—another experience in democracy.

"Improved social relationships" is the common verdict of superintendents reporting the success of the program. "The school lunch is an essential part of education," says the State Education Department of Maine, which expresses the hope that it will be a definite factor within the American schools and will be maintained after the war.

STATE after state stresses the educational value of the school lunch enterprise in opening unlimited fields for classroom assignments in civics, geography, economics and

## School Lunch Programs Are Proving Vital Education

Hygiene. State after state insists, "This is in no sense a relief measure. It is a vital part of education."

"The English teacher will accept your report of your lunchroom work in place of your regular classroom assignments," Superintendent of Schools at Blevins, Ark., tells the pupils when they take up their cafeteria assignment. The parents of the community are kept informed on the progress of the school lunch plan, and conferences are regularly held. It's everybody's business.

All this apart from the basic purpose of the government subsidy, which is to better the health of America's youth. The gains here are beyond measure. In one winter term, a Vermont teacher reports, the weight of the children increased an average of eight pounds and attendance was a record high.

But 6,000,000 are only one-third of the nation's school population. In New York City, 479,000 youngsters, or about half the full attendance, enjoy the federal school lunch benefit. All schools could have it, if the principals requested it. The money is available up to the end of June. A new appropriation is now before congress. It has already passed the Senate and public pressure should carry it through the lower House.

# Epitaph for an Anti-American

By SAMUEL BARRON

Here lies the political corpse of Martin Dies, crushed by the political weight of America's conscience. Amen.

No poppies will carpet this unholy grave. No growing thing will sink its roots in that soil. This spot of earth will turn to sand, a mark of America's moment of shame.

Men will try to forget his name as they do a nightmare. At its mention American eyes will drop, American heads will shake, and American voices will falter apologetically. For his name has the sound of death in it, echoed in fascist dungeons where men of liberty breathed their last.

SYMBOL OF AN EPOCH

Martin Dies turned on the hand that suckled him. He spat upon the equality of man which was America's glory. He spurned the liberty which had been America's beacon for generations. He tortured the democracy upon which America thrived. He slandered America's friends, coddled America's enemies. He nurtured the virus of disunity and treason. And before his political demise, he could gloat with satisfaction at the thought that he had helped bring to his motherland the grief over sons and daughters lost and mutilated in battle.

He was one of the many, you say? He was the product of society to which his will was en-



MARTIN DIES

slaved? But he helped shape part of that society. He epitomized an epoch crowned with pomp and circumstance at Munich. To the day of his political death he dreamed of transplanting Munich to our shores. His dream was shattered against the strength of the Red Army, the heroism of the guerrillas of conquered lands, the stubborn resistance of the United Nations, which gave time for America to rouse its temporarily opiated national conscience, and fling this creature of our national sewage onto the dunghill of history.

How could this monstrosity have thrived? What pre-

vented the giant America from flicking this pigmy from its body politic on which it fed parasitically? Perhaps the greatest contribution Dies has made to America, measured only by the circumstances of his existence, was the suddenness of his departure. It explained much.

SHADOW OF FEAR

It revealed the hollowness of his base, which some had long suspected. It verified confidence in the progressive vitality of the common people. But it also exposed the source of his nourishment in the phobias implanted in the minds of a good number of the leaders of our country. His strength was but the figment of their distraught imaginations. Even some liberals turned craven when simple intelligence was needed. They cowered before this ogre, played his game with mincing words, and danced to his tunes one step forward and two steps back. Until the common people, the poor white and the oppressed Negro, faced him squarely and forced his hand.

Our liberal leaders must learn this. For Dies has left behind a twisted brood, determined to fashion his dream into an un-American reality. This brood must be routed, its last remnants destroyed if America is to live free and prosperous, at peace with the world and with itself.

Our liberal leaders must not

hang their phobias like millstones around the necks of the common people. They should seek, and will find, the source of strength in the progressive intelligence of the common people. By merging with the people, instead of staying aloof with doubt and hesitation, they will absorb the courage to help rid this land of the voices of death.

For the people will not be patient. They will send the weak and craven packing together with the scum.

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## Flood Control

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Editor, Daily Worker:

Flood conditions along the rivers of the middle states today bring to mind something that occurred several years ago. In the spring of 1907, if my memory does not fail, conditions similar to present floods prevailed. One of America's great engineers conceived the idea of a great dam and canal to take the water from the Missouri River in South Dakota, transport it south across the dry plains states of Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma and Texas to the Gulf. Irrigating hundreds of acres of land, creating many lakes and otherwise improving the conditions of those states in addition to relieving the Valley in the basin of the Mississippi of these recurrent flood conditions. This matter received some publicity at the time and later President Theodore Roosevelt ordered Army Engineers to make a survey of a route for such a canal. This was done and the plan pronounced practical. But up to that time our Government had never undertaken any works of this nature or magnitude and the plans were pigeonholed.

M. P. OSTEN.

## Doctor D. C.

New York City  
Editor, Daily Worker:

Doctor D. C.'s articles which have appeared on Sundays are excellent and should continue as they are, however, in addition to this couldn't it be possible to include another regular medical column in the paper, say for at least twice or three times during the week. This column could treat the more orthodox and common ailments of general medicine which either out of lack of space or individual interest Doctor D. C. does not treat in his columns.

Here's hoping that the tabloid Daily Worker will soon include such a column to supplement Doctor D. C.'s excellent articles which also have appeared too infrequently.

IRENE KILEY

## Housing in Ohio

Akron, Ohio  
Editor, Daily Worker:

Housing is becoming a sore matter with the workers in a lot of places. Can you give it more attention? Here in this rubber city there was a special discussion at the Akron Industrial Union Council of the CIO on the bad conditions at the council's last meeting. Frightful living conditions were reported among the workers here, patriotic war workers who are doing their best to pile up production to win the war. The council appointed a committee of three to investigate the matter. Can other cities tell through your columns what they are doing about housing?

TOM T.

## Pictures

Haverstraw, N. Y.  
Editor, Daily Worker:

There is one picture of a Mexican progressive leader which runs often in your paper which is certainly not complimentary to that fine person. Why do you run such poor pictures of such a splendid man? This applies to several other pictures; it seems to me that you have better taste than that.

(Ed. Note: This is a real problem with the Daily Worker, due to the difficulty of securing news pictures. We are conscious of the difficulty and are trying to improve the situation.)

The opinions expressed in these letters are those of the readers and not necessarily those of the paper. We welcome letters from our readers and their friends on subjects of current interest. To facilitate the printing of as many letters as possible, and to allow for the most discussion, please limit letters to 200 words.





Along the jungle log-road toward the Hukawng Valley area in Burma this American built tank is pushing forward in the drive to retake that territory. Two American-trained Chinese tankmen form the advance guard for the Chinese-manned tank.

## Charge Friend of Nazis Holds Key Job on Montreal Paper

By BILL MARDIO

Canada's mamby-pamby attitude towards the fifth column within her borders has resulted in the release of nearly all the interned Nazi agents in that country, recent issues of the Canadian Tribune disclosed.

The past four months have seen Canada's prison doors opened wide as approximately 75 percent of Hitler's yes-men have been permitted to go scot free, an unofficial source estimated to the Canadian Tribune.

In addition to the open-sesame edict towards formerly imprisoned Charles Crute, Joseph Farr and John Lorimer, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police saw fit to recommend the notorious Karl Gerhard to a job on the editorial staff of the Montreal Gazette.

Gerhard was once described by Berlin as the "Nazi trusty" in Canada, declared the Tribune, and his present post as labor reporter for the Montreal Gazette probably brought a broad smile to the face of Joseph Goebbels.

Montreal labor leaders believe that Gerhard is being used as a spy against the Quebec labor movement.

What makes the Gerhard case particularly revolting is that the Montreal Gazette is fully aware of Gerhard's background, and when queried by Ruth Caron, Montreal Executive Secretary of the Labor Youth Federation, the Gazette's editor explained:

"Gerhard was specially recommended to the Gazette by an officer of the National Selective Service. He was employed by us after a consultation with the Royal Canadian Mounted Police. The outcome of that consultation was that an official of the federal police body recommended that we take him on our staff and keep him if he could do the work required of him. He has done an excellent job for us."

### FORMED NAZI BUND

The Canadian Tribune of May 13, discussed in detail Karl Gerhard's long career in the service of Hitler.

Arriving in Canada from Germany in 1930, Gerhard was naturalized on Nov. 12, 1937. During that seven-year interim, Gerhard was a very busy man.

He organized the Nazi Bund in Kitchener and Waterloo, and later became press attache for the German consulate in Montreal. On Nov. 30, revealed the Tribune, the Nazi spy sailed for Germany to hold consultations with his big bosses in Berlin.

After his return, Gerhard gave loud praises to Hitler's policies, and illustrated many lectures with official Nazi films.

And it was while Gerhard was openly giving lip-service to Berlin and exultantly shouting praise of the Hitler Youth Movement, that Justice Bumbray of the Montreal circuit court granted him citizenship.

When United States authorities

were beginning to nail a lot of the Nazi agents in this country, a man by the name of William Lonkowski managed to flit through the fingers of the FBI. It was later discovered that Lonkowski had been shielded by Gerhard in Montreal, and supplied with passage on a Germany-bound cargo ship.

Exactly one year ago, noted the Canadian Tribune, the Canadian Secretary of State promised to investigate Karl Gerhard and fascist friends.

That investigation is long overdue, and the Tribune asks: What kind of stupidity allows the Royal Canadian Mounted Police to recommend Gerhard to his present job of backstabbing the Quebec labor movement and jeopardizing the life of Canada in its fifth year of war?

## Ministry to Report On Killing of 47

LONDON, May 23.—The Air Ministry today denied the story in the London Daily Express that the death of the 47 Royal Air Force officers was brought about by German prison guards who "lost their heads." The Ministry declared it did not have sufficient evidence on the exact circumstances of the manner in which the 47 were killed, to issue a further statement.

The Daily Express, quoting its Stockholm correspondent, had reported that the "massacre" took place at Stalag Luft III prison camp.

## 20,000 New Members Goal of Kings ALP

The Kings County American Labor Party organization has opened a drive for 20,000 new members by Election Day, John Crawford, chairman, and Max Torchin, secretary, announced yesterday.

Initiation fees have been eliminated during the drive period and a special dues rate of one dollar for the entire year instituted.

The drive is part of the county campaign to carry the state for the President in November.

## Senator Bridges Probes the Sea

Senator Styles Bridges yesterday raised his usual anti-Soviet rumpus when he gave the Senate some "inside" information about an American cruiser allegedly being transferred to the Soviet government.

The New Hampshire Republican insisted that the U.S. reveal whether or not the Soviet fleet has been strengthened — which information the Nazis would like to have.

## Unionists Quit Palestine Group

National AFL and CIO leaders Monday disassociated themselves from the American League for a Free Palestine, one of the four anti-United Nations organizations set up by Peter Bergson, now under investigation by the Department of Justice.

Bergson and six others came to the United States three years ago as an official delegation from the Irgun, secret Revisionist organization which conducts terrorist activities in Palestine against British officials and Jewish labor leaders.

Exploiting the general sympathy in the United States for the Jews oppressed in occupied Europe, the Irgun agents established successively the Committee for a Jewish Army, the Emergency Committee to Save the Jews of Europe, the Free Palestine League and the Hebrew Committee of National Liberation which has just purchased an "embassy" in Washington for \$63,000 and is seeking diplomatic recognition.

The Irgun has been repudiated by the Palestinian Federation of Labor and its activities here are condemned by all major Jewish organizations and newspapers. Nevertheless, considerable funds have been at its disposal for the publication of full-page newspaper advertisements.

Prominently associated with the Emergency Committee are Herbert Hoover, William Randolph Hearst and Dean Alfange, head of the new Liberal Party. Nathan Chaslin, leader of the Jewish Daily Forward clique, and Alfange were speakers at a recent testimonial dinner to Bergson.

While they feted the Irgun leader here, one hundred of his colleagues in Palestine were arrested for terrorism.

The union leaders who have condemned the Free Palestine League because of its fascist Irgun tie-up, and its disruptive activities here, are: William Green, Max Zaritsky, AFL Hatters president; R. J. Thomas, CIO Auto Workers president; Samuel Wolchok, CIO Retail Wholesale and Department Store Employees president; Leo E. George, AFL Post Office Clerks president, and James Maloney, AFL Glass and Bottle Blowers president.

## Iceland Referendum Dissolves Danish Tie

WASHINGTON, May 23 (UP).—The people of Iceland today completed a referendum on severance of the last remaining tie which has bound that tiny North Atlantic island to Denmark for 563 years.

Iceland, which celebrated the 1,000th anniversary of its parliament in 1930, has been a sovereign state since 1918, but united with Denmark through a common king, Christian X of Denmark. The referendum formally will dissolve that union and on June 17 Iceland plans to proclaim itself a free and independent republic.

Iceland officials here said the results of the referendum, held May 20-23, were inevitable, all political parties and the government supporting the plan to establish a republic.

## WHAT'S ON

RATES: What's On notices for the Daily and The Worker are 35c per line (6 words to a line—3 lines minimum). DEADLINE: Daily at 12 Noon. For Sunday, Wednesday at 4 P.M.

### Tonight Manhattan

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### Philadelphia, Pa.

NEW MASSES ROUND TABLE discussion on winning the war and the peace. Participants, John Stuart, foreign editor, New Masses; Rev. A. C. Baldwin, D.D., Chestnut St. Baptist Church; Robert Heckert, radio news commentator; G. J. Huber, rep. for Committee for Economic Development; Jessica Rhine, U.S. rep. to WLB; E. W. Rhodes, publisher Phila. Tribune; chairman, H. Collins, executive secretary, School of Social Science, Date, Sunday, May 28, 8:15 p.m. New Century Club, 134 S. 13 St. Subscription 57c.

## Italy Gov't Leaders Ask U. S. Recognition, Aid

Leaders of the new Italian government have requested recognition and Lend-Lease shipments for Italy, it was learned here yesterday. A congressional resolution recently proposed by Rep. Vito Marcantonio, makes a similar request.

Oreste Longobardi, general secretary of the Socialist Party, said that "Italy can only redeem herself in her own eyes and those of the world by active co-belligerency, best promoted by revision of the armistice so that the American Lend-Lease law may be applied to Italy."

Count Carlo Sforza, Action Party leader, made a similar plea, saying that "the Allies must decide whether they want Italy really and seriously to fight against our common enemy."

The Marcantonio resolution asking recognition of the new predominantly anti-fascist cabinet in Italy in Italy, as well as Lend-Lease supplies will be considered shortly by the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

Letters and telegrams have gone to Rep. Sol Bloom, chairman of the House Foreign Affairs Committee, from many organizations and individuals, who urge favorable action on the resolution. These include: American Labor Party, 20th Congressional District, Kings; United West Side Organizations for Victory; Italian American Section, IWO; Independent Club, Woonsocket, R. I., and representatives of 15,000 CIO Italian workers at Ford's River Rouge plant in Michigan.

L'Unita del Popolo, progressive Italian American weekly here, commented that "having proved their hatred of fascism and their determination to form a democratic government, Italians today deserve to be recognized officially as anti-Nazi partners. The United States will benefit by erasing the resentment caused in Italy by AMG reactionaries."

## Browder Cables Greeting to Gandhi

Earl Browder, president of the Communist Political Association, cabled greetings to Mahatma Gandhi upon the India leader's recent release from prison.

"We are happy to learn of your release," said Browder's greetings, "and hope this means all leaders of India's people will soon be free. We are confident that cleansing the earth of Hitler and his allies will be followed by the achievement of independence by all nations able to unite all living forces of their people."

## Italian Problems Course Draws Many

Active trade unionists, teachers, night workers, housewives, in fact all able to rearrange working schedules, are signing up at the Jefferson school, 575 Sixth Ave. for the one-week morning course on "The Problems of Italy and of the Italian-American Community," May 29 to June 2, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

More than 15 CIO and AFL unions are already represented among the registrants. The intensive course will cover: History of Italy, Italian immigration to America, problems of the Italian-American community and problems of Italy since the war began.

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## Quill, Ross at Price Control Rally Tonight

National Price Control Week will come to a dramatic climax tonight with a public rally at which Councilman Michael Quill and Paul Ross, chief enforcement attorney of the Office of Price Administration, will report on the current campaign to save price legislation from crippling amendments.

The meeting will be held at the Bronx Star O'Munster Ballroom, 138th St. and Willis Ave. at 8.

Quill was sponsor of a resolution in the City Council to which Mayor LaGuardia and borough presidents responded by declaring May 17-24 price week.

He is author of the price and rent law now pending in Council.

### OTHER RALLIES

Other rallies tonight include: Nostrand St. St. Marks Consumer League, P. S. 138, 760 Prospect Place, Brooklyn, 8 p.m.; West Side Consumer Council, Mid-Queens Consumer Council, P. S. 139, 63rd Drive and Wetherole St., Rego Park, Queens, 8 p.m.; Riverside Community House, 239 W. 69th St., Manhattan, 8 p.m.; Kings Highway Consumer Group, outdoor rally, Ave. P and E. Second St. B'klyn, 2 p.m., and Brighton Consumers Council, outdoor rally, Brighton 7th St. Brooklyn, 3:30 p.m.

Tomorrow's meetings are sponsored by the Bensonhurst Consumer Council, Bay Parkway and 79th St., Brooklyn, 8 p.m. and East Midtown ODVO, Madison Boys Club, 301 E. 29 St., Manhattan, 8 p.m.

Both the House and State Banking and Currency Committees are in seclusion, writing their bills which come up for action shortly.

The City is urging all affiliates to press for re-enactment of the Price Control Act, expiring June 30. It urges that messages be sent to Sen. Robert F. Wagner, chairman of the Senate Banking and Currency Committee, Senate Office Building; and Rep. Brent Spence, chairman, and William Barry, New York City member, House Banking and Currency Committee, House Office Building, Washington.

## Krzycki to Deliver Report at Slav Parley

PITTSBURGH, May 23. — Leo Krzycki, national president of the American Slav Congress and vice-president of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, will deliver the main report at the first Western Pennsylvania Slav Congress Sunday in the Fort Pitt Hotel here.

Participating organizations will include lodges of the Slovak Evangelical Union, National Slovak Society, Croatian Fraternal Union, Slovene Mutual Benefit Society, Slovak Gymnastic Union "Sokol," Polish, Serbian, Carpatho-Russian and Ukrainian groups, together with locals of the United Steel Workers and the United Electrical, Radio and Machine Workers.

## Mass. Youth Greet Soviet Committee

BOSTON, May 23. — Seventeen Massachusetts youth leaders yesterday sent greetings to the Soviet Youth Anti-Fascist Committee on the occasion of a meeting held in Moscow Sunday.

The greeting of the Bay State youth stated:

"We youth of Massachusetts greet the meeting of the Soviet youth anti-fascist committee. We hail the courage and self-sacrifice you have shown in our common war against fascism.

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## Republican Fakers at Work

# Bait Trap With Polltax Amendment

By EUGENE GORDON

The Republican Party's joint resolution providing for a constitutional amendment to abolish the polltax is "a fake, a snare and a delusion," Rep. Vito Marcantonio said yesterday.

Republican senators sponsoring the resolution, he declared, had a chance to abolish the polltax by voting for limitation of debate on HR-7, the Marcantonio anti-polltax bill. Instead, they killed the bill by refusing to vote for cloture.

The National Committee to Abolish the Polltax in the meantime, has rejected the Republicans' proposal not only as inadequate but insincere. Marcantonio said:

"The Republicans can still call up HR-7 and help make it a law of the land. The bill hasn't been tabled. There are no Senate rules preventing its being called up by Republicans, Democrats, or anybody else."

### A GOP SNARE

Why, then, do they not call up HR-7?

Because this is a big election year and, in order to snare and de-

lude Negro voters into the Dewey ranks, the GOP must play a bold but plausible hand. This proposal to outlaw the polltax by constitutional amendment sounds bold and looks plausible. It is neither.

It is not so bold as it sounds: the Republicans run no risk of any kind in proposing it. They know that to get 36 of the 48 states needed to ratify the amendment would take at least two years. The election would be over by then. In the meantime, however (so they hope), they would have benefited by the votes of Negroes who had been deluded into deserting Roosevelt and the progressives for Dewey and the reactionaries.

Saying a constitutional amendment would take at least two years implies that everything would go in its favor. There is no reason to believe that everything would. Thirteen southern states, eight of them polltax, would create an insurmountable obstacle to ratification. Then, if it passed in all state legislatures, it would meet, in the U. S. Congress, the same hostile crowd that killed HR-7.

An anti-polltax bill, passed by both houses of the Congress is the best and quickest way of outlawing the polltax. The Republican high command knows it. Such of its small-fry fakers as Edgar C. Brown, "director-general" of the mythical National Negro Council, know it, too.

Brown, who also constitutes the general membership of the "council" he heads, has asked President Roosevelt to show his "sincerity" by backing this Republican fakery. This farce is laughable, of course. It could be serious, if the people did not see through it—as they certainly must. For a thinner, more transparent sheet of political trickery has seldom been used to cover a rogue's nakedness.

## \$252,000 Raised in Negro College Drive

Walter Hoving, national campaign chairman of the United Negro College Fund, has announced that \$252,000 of the \$1,500,000 set as the goal by 27 private Negro colleges had been raised.

## Painters Chief Backs 4th Term

Lawrence P. Lindelof, president of the AFL International Brotherhood of Painters and Decorators, considers President Roosevelt's reelection sure, mainly because of the widespread support labor is giving the fourth term drive.

This is revealed in the current issue of the Building Trades Union Press, organ of several AFL unions, which carries an exclusive interview with the AFL leader.

Lindelof, a Republican, is quoted as saying:

"President Roosevelt will be elected to a fourth term with the support of the great majority of all labor. In my opinion, no other man could have done what the President has done as the leader of our country in time of war. Moreover, the President's record as a friend of labor is unassailable. Under his leadership, I am confident that this country will march forward to victory and to a prosperous postwar world."

The Painters Union chief came to New York to be guest of honor at a testimonial dinner at Hotel Commodore Saturday night.

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I wonder how a certain Mr. Harry Garsh feels this morning as his fighter, 18-year-old Aaron Perry, gets out of bed and looks about at the near-wreck of his young fighting career?  
Harry Garsh is the manager of Aaron Perry, the Negro youngster. Flat on his heels for many years without a decent fighter to his name, he somehow stumbled upon Perry and found himself with a gold mine.  
Success made him dizzy, it seems. Where he should have treasured and cared for Perry like a mother does for a child, Garsh threw his young charge to the wolves, succumbing to the scent of a big haul of dough.  
His first avaricious act was to pit his 18-year-old against Sammy Angott, ex-lightweight champ of the world and one of the toughest men in the ring. Perry, as was to be expected, lost the fight although he did better than most people expected.  
In that fight, however, something was made clear. This something was the fact that Perry, as most youngsters with a punch, had not mastered the science of defensive fighting. Thus, he was a sucker for a right cross over his own left hand, carried too low.  
Garsh should have had the kid work for many weeks and even months to round out his fighting equipment. As this column pointed out a number of occasions Perry is fairly easy to hit.  
So the next thing the devoted Mr. Garsh does it sign his youngster to meet Henry Armstrong.  
Now one thing should be understood. Despite the desire we have to see Henry retire, the fact of the matter is that Henry is still a vast sight better than the overwhelming majority of lightweights and welterweights in action today.  
But send him in there against a raw youngster who will fight the type of fight Henry wants, the former triple-champ will belt him out with little trouble.  
Perry was just such a kid Monday night down in Washington. This together with his lack of defensive eclat, was cream in Armstrong's coffee. The kid came in close, where Henry didn't have to move around much. In short order Henry was belting him terrific blows.  
The long and short of it is that Perry hit the canvas seven times, five of those times flat on his back in the ten-count position. Each time he struggled up on sheer will, having nothing left to fight back with.

So I wonder what Aaron Perry is thinking about his sweet-talking manager Garsh this morning?  
And I wonder what Garsh himself is thinking?  
He can't be very sorry, however, he hasn't got bruises and welts all over his body. But he does have a wad of dough for there were 15,421 fans in the audience and they paid a total of \$60,325 of good American money of which not a tiny share went into his pockets.  
A fine, upright, considerate and devoted man this Mr. Garsh.

## The Adventures of Richard

About the Thpokey Iddle Puppy

By Mike Singer

"... so the pokey little puppy dug a hole under the fence. He crawled under but the hole was not big enough and his fat little body got stuck in the fence..."

Richard's monotone droned on. The Pokey Little Puppy was anything but exciting for someone whose cultural pursuits never went beyond the sports page. But Scoopy, whose tonsils had been removed the day before, gurgled excitedly. Then Richard decided to rewrite the story.

"So the pokey little puppy got mad. He crawled back and bumped into a worm. Oh, a wise guy, huh, the pokey little puppy said. Yeh, a wise guy, so what, the worm answers. Bang, the pokey little puppy socked the worm right on the knicker, Bing, he kicks him square in the snoot, wang, the puppy uncorks a right hook and he's got the worm coiled up hanging on the ropes."

By this time Scoopy, sans tonsil and adenoids, was nevertheless howling in outrageous protest at the sudden turn of events in the life of his beloved Pokey Little Puppy. "Thass not thpokey iddle puppy," he managed to say, "thass you and thass not my thpokey iddle puppy."

"Whaddayo want him to do?" Richard asks. "Let the worm get away with it? He's no sissy. So then the worm calls his big brother,

a fat jerky worm but the pokey little puppy ain't scared. He tackles him around the feet and knocks him for a ten yard loss."

"Worms have no feet," said No-Nose who had been listening in. "So what," Richard demands, "this worm's really a centipede in disguise."

"Thass not thpokey iddle puppy," Scoopy insists.

"Don't worry, Scoopy," Richard promises, "you'll be proud of that mutt yet. So the pokey little puppy sees a whole gang of worms coming at him. He plunges into the worms from a T-formation and slices off tackle for five yards. But the worms are dolt. They clip him."

"Make up your mind," No-Nose says. "Is it a fight or a football game you're telling?"

"Look, No-Nose," Richard replies in utter disgust. "I've got enough trouble with Scoopy. You're some pal!"

"Thass not thpokey iddle puppy," Scoopy wheezes.

"Oh, nuts," Richard cries snapping the book shut. "Let's play something else."

"Thass not thpokey iddle puppy," Scoopy said as the kids left.

## Yanks in Chi, Hope to Remain In First Place

The Yanks arrived in Chicago yesterday for their first western trip of the season and will open this evening with a night game at Comiskey Park. They are in first place after fighting off the challenge of the Browns and the Senators and plan to stay there for a while. They have three men batting .300 and one other, Bud Metheny, rapidly climbing into the select circle.  
Nick Etten leads all the rest with .348. Don Savage has .311 and Snuffy Stirnweiss owns .304. The Bombers won 12 and lost 7 at home. If they can break even in the west or do a little better they should come home still in the lead.  
Rookie Don Savage, who has a penchant for hitting homers with a lot of men on the bases, is leading the club in runs batted in with 16. Metheny is next with 15 and Etten third with 12. . . . Stirnweiss now has eight stolen sacks to his credit and if his hitting holds up he may yet dethrone George Case of the Senators.  
All the Yanks are impressed with the form of Joe Page, the fastballing southpaw. Page will figure large in McCarthy's plans. . . .

## Barnhill Wins Season Opener

Little Dave Barnhill of the New York Cubans won his first ball game of the Negro National League season Sunday at Yankee Stadium. Barnhill pitched his team to a 6-4 victory over the New York Black Yankees before a crowd of 12,000 fans. Last year Barnhill, one of the greatest pitchers in the game, won 26 and lost but three.

## RADIO

### 11 A.M. TO NOON

11:00-WEAF-Road of Life  
WOR-News; Tro Harper  
WJZ-Breakfast with Breneman  
WABC-Honeydew-Hill  
WQXR-Talk-Alma Dettinger  
11:15-WEAF-Vic and Bada  
WOR-Talks and Music  
11:30-WEAF-Brave Tomorrow  
WJZ-News; Baby Institute  
WABC-Bright Horizon  
11:45-WEAF-David Harum  
WOR-What's Your Idea?  
WABC-Aunt Jenny's Stories

### NOON TO 2 A.M.

12:00-WEAF-News Reports  
WJZ-Talk-Dr. Alvin E. Magary  
WABC-News; Kate Smith's Chat  
WQXR-Lundson Concert  
12:15-WEAF-100th Anniversary Telegraph Communications Program  
WOR-Jerry Wayne, Songs  
WJZ-Correspondents Abroad  
WABC-Big Sister  
12:30-WEAF-News; Farm and Home Hour  
WOR-News; Juke Box  
WABC-Helen Trent  
12:45-WABC-Cur Cal Sunday  
1:00-WEAF-Mary Margaret McBride  
WOR-News; Jack Berch, Songs  
WJZ-H. R. Baukhage, News  
WABC-Life Can Be Beautiful  
1:15-WJZ-Women's Exchange Show  
WABC-Ma Perkins  
1:30-WOR-Lopez Orchestra  
WABC-Bernardine Flynn, News  
1:45-WEAF-Morgan Beaty, News  
WOR-American Woman's Jury  
WJZ-Three Planes; Music  
WABC-The Goldbergs

### 2 P.M. TO 6 P.M.

2:00-WEAF-The Guiding Light  
WOR-Talk-Martha Deane  
WJZ-News; Walter Kiernan  
WABC-Furtia Face Life  
2:15-WEAF-Today's Children  
WJZ-The Mystery Chef  
WABC-Joyce Jordan  
2:30-WEAF-Light of the World  
WOR-News; Consumer Quiz  
WJZ-Ed East and Polly  
WABC-Young Dr. Malone  
2:45-WEAF-Hymns of All Churches  
WABC-Perry Mason  
3:00-WEAF-A Woman of America  
WOR-The Black Castle  
WJZ-Morton Downey, Songs  
WABC-Mary Marlin  
3:15-WEAF-Ma Perkins  
WOR-Sunny Skylar, Songs  
WJZ-Appointment With Life  
WABC-News-Bob Trout  
WMCA-Broadway-Ethel Colby  
3:30-WEAF-Pepper Young  
WOR-Dr. Eddy's Food Forum  
WABC-Now and Forever  
3:45-WEAF-Right to Happiness  
WJZ-Ethel and Albert  
WABC-This Life Is Mine  
4:00-WEAF-Backstage Wife  
WOR-Talk-John Gambling  
WJZ-Blue Frolics-Variety  
WABC-Broadway Matinee  
WMCA-News; Western Songs  
4:15-WEAF-Stella Dallas  
4:25-WABC-News; Recorded Music  
4:30-WEAF-Lorenzo Jones  
WOR-True Detective Mysteries  
WJZ-News-Westbrook Van Voorhis  
4:45-WEAF-Young Widder Brown

## Three Reasons Why Dodgers Are Seventh

By PHIL GORDON

Take a few morsels from Leo Durocher's "fight talk" of yesterday. It may give an insight to the reason why the Dodgers are in seventh place without any immediate hopes of getting out.

Exhibit No. 1—"I'll make plenty of changes. I'll have none of those live-and-leaf ball players on my team. I'll send 'em away. I'll play school kids."

Exhibit No. 2—"Who does Schultz think he is, Babe Ruth? I'll teach him to do what he's told. When I tell him to hit to right I don't mean to try to hit the ball over the left field wall."

Exhibit No. 3—"I'll bench Luis Olmo. He's been miserable, can't do anything. Been loafing."

Take the first one, for instance. It's one thing to demand discipline, but another to just roar like a lion and pop off for the whole world to hear. I doubt if the Dodgers have been doing any loafing at all. For one thing, most of them haven't been in the lineup long enough at any one stretch to loaf seriously. As for sending 'em away, that's the prerogative of any manager. But if that's his intentions why doesn't he do so and stop popping off? How can he possibly expect his men to play for him when he publicly exclaims that he is getting rid of them?

Or examine item 2 for a moment. Now it may be true that Schultz hit to left when he was supposed to have hit to right. We wouldn't know, we weren't there. But what kind of manager would make such a statement about so promising a young ball player public? After all, Schultz is not only leading all the Dodgers in runs batted in and homers but is likewise leading both major

leagues. That is an achievement rarely accomplished by a first year man. You'd think that if the kid made mistakes the manager would take him aside and talk to him quietly.

But not Leo, that dandy little manager. How do you think you'd feel if you read such a statement about yourself in the papers coming from your own manager? Put yourself in Schultz's spot and you will readily see why the kid would have a real reason to lose interest in playing for the Dodgers.

Now look at the third little item in today's Durocher story. The one about Luis Olmo.

There isn't a man in baseball who doesn't agree that Olmo is a star, one of the best young ball players to come along in years. He is a willing ambitious, hard-working kid. When he was told to take over second at the season's start, he did so without a word of complaint. He did as well as could be expected. Suddenly Durocher shifted him back to the outfield. All this time he was hitting as well as you could ask a man in his spot to hit. Then, after batting successfully in six straight days he went 0 for 4. He was dragged off the starting club and told to sit on the bench. He was also told he stank and that he was a loafer. This, from his dandy little manager.

You could go on and on this way. The story is simple. Durocher has lost control of the team completely and we have an idea the boys just won't play for him any longer.

## Radio Concerts

6:15-8:35 P.M. WLJG-Great Classic  
7:05-8 P.M. WNYC (also FM)-Masterwork Hour  
8-9 P.M. WQXR (also FM)-Symphony Hall  
9-9:30 P.M. WNYC (also FM)-Stell Anderson, pianist  
10-10:30 P.M. WABC (also FM)-Great

Moments in Music  
10:30-11 P.M. WOR-The Symphonette, with Misha Plastro as violin soloist  
11:30-12 P.M. WABC-Invitation to Music  
12 P.M.-1 A.M. WEVD-Symphonic Hour

WJZ-The Sea Hound  
WABC-Raymond Scott Orchestra  
5:00-WEAF-When a Girl Marries  
WOR-Uncle Don  
WJZ-Hop Harrigan  
WABC-Eddie Dunn Show  
WMCA-News; Recorded Music  
WQXR-Books Are Bullets-Talk  
5:15-WEAF-We Love and Learn  
WOR-Archie Andrews  
WJZ-Dick Tracy  
WQXR-E. M. Sternberger, News  
5:30-WEAF-Just Plain Bill  
WOR-Chick Carter  
WJZ-Jack Armstrong  
WABC-Jack Smith, Songs  
5:45-WEAF-Front Page Farrell  
WOR-Superman  
WJZ-Captain Midnight  
WABC-American Women  
WQXR-Man About Town

### 6 P.M. TO 9 P.M.

6:00-WEAF-News Reports  
WOR-Sydney Moseley, News  
WJZ-News, John B. Kennedy  
WABC-News; Quincy Howe  
6:15-WEAF-Concert Orchestra  
WOR-Imogene Carpenter, Songs  
WJZ-Terry and the Pirates  
WABC-Lyn Murray Orchestra  
6:30-WOR-News, Frank Singler  
WJZ-Whose War Is This?  
WABC-Arthur Godfrey Show  
WMCA-World News Round-Up  
6:35-WJZ-Recorded Music  
6:40-WEAF-Sports-Bill Stern  
6:45-WEAF-Lowell Thomas  
WOR-Sports-Stan Lomax  
WJZ-Henry J. Taylor, News  
WABC-The World Today  
WMCA-Sports-Save Ellis  
6:55-WABC-Joseph O. Harsh, News  
7:00-WEAF-Fred Waring Orchestra  
WJZ-Connie Boothell Show  
WABC-I Love a Mystery  
WQXR-Lisa Sergio, News  
7:15-WEAF-News-Robert St. John  
WOR-The Answer Man  
WABC-Passing Parade  
WMCA-Five Star Final  
WQXR-Operetta Scrapbook  
7:30-WEAF-Roth Orchestra  
WOR-Can You Top This?  
WJZ-The Lone Ranger  
WABC-Easy Aces  
WMCA-Johannes Steel, News  
7:45-WEAF-H. V. Kalkenberg, News  
WMCA-So the Story Goes  
8:00-WEAF-Mr. and Mrs. North  
WJZ-Ocell Brown, News  
WJZ-News Comments  
WABC-Allen Jones, Tenor; Frank Carle Orchestra  
WMCA-News; Recorded Music  
WQXR-Symphony Hall  
8:15-WOR-The Smoothies, Songs  
WJZ-Luna and Abner  
8:30-WEAF-Musical Quiz  
WOR-Cugat Orchestra  
WJZ-My Best Girl  
WABC-Dr. Christian  
8:45-WABC-Bill Henry, News

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WABC-Frank Sinatra, Songs

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# Film Front

Ulysses Grant—Great Theme for a Good Film

By David Platt

I was very glad to see that great American warrior and statesman, Ulysses S. Grant, warmly praised in a brief passage in the Warner Bros. film *The Adventures of Mark Twain*. It is high time the victor of Appomattox who was one of our most constructive Presidents was rescued from the tower of lies built up about him by evil men who hated what he stood for.

For more than 50 years the dirt-slingers have blackened the Grant administration as marking the "lowest depths to which any American administration has fallen." Grant, they said, "was a child in judging men and policies." He hardly knew anything about life and affairs. Scandal and corruption "whispered all about him." His Presidency was "the greatest disaster of his life." The debunkers of history never said that about Grant's predecessor, Andrew Johnson, the only President in our history to be impeached, the lowest depths to which any American official can fall. Very strange they can see nothing but scandal and corruption in one of our most progressive administrations, but are curiously silent on the many-fold more serious conspiratorial acts against the nation that took place during the pro-slavery administrations of Fillmore, Pierce and Buchanan.

## A FALSE FILM OF GRANT

The other day I came across an item that a movie company had "with foresight and good judgment" abandoned plans to make a film that would have extolled Grant as a soldier and then enlarged upon his "poor record" as President of the United States. Jimmy Fidler, the Hollywood radio snoop criticized this potential successor to the Tennessee Johnson film in a recent broadcast in which he said that "such a picture made today would be extremely detrimental to MacArthur's chances."

Remarkable how even the lies manufactured about Grant by his enemies are sufficient to inspire fears and doubts in the hearts of the Roosevelt-haters, the political descendants of the anti-Grantists. This fact alone attests to Grant's greatness. If the falsification of Reconstruction history is detrimental to the defeatists, it is easy to visualize the effect upon their morale of an honest film of Grant in the White House.

It is time for such a film. It is time to make known to all the people that it was under the Grant administration that the Negro people achieved the greatest measure of democracy they have ever had. President Grant has been vilified all these years because it was under his presidency that the great Negro and white Reconstruction Parliaments in the South were born. In the eight years of Grant's incumbency, Negroes sat in the U. S. Senate for the first and last time. The progressive Southern governments which Grant aided and abetted, gave civil rights to Negroes, established the common school system for the first time in the South, changed the tax laws to benefit the lower income brackets, aided the building of railroads and introduced many other progressive measures that brought prosperity to the people of the South, more than they ever dared hope to have under the slave system.

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### MUSIC

Carel d'Arcy, soprano, Red Cross Benefit, Town Hall, 8:30 p.m.

Dora Zaslavsky, piano, and Rachmael Weinstock, violin, Manhattan School of Music, evening. Benefit for the Scholarship Fund.

## Summer Rest for Othello Cast

To prepare for a coast-to-coast tour of America and Canada, scheduled to begin in early September, the cast of the Theater Guild's "Othello" will rest during July and August. It was announced today by Theresa Melburn and Lawrence Langner.

Currently at the Shubert Theatre, where it has played to capacity audiences since Oct. 19, 1943, the Margaret Webster production which co-stars Paul Robeson, Jose Ferrer and Uta Hagen, will recess its New York engagement on Saturday night, July 1. Rounding out its 296th performance that evening, it will have left far behind the previous all-time high Broadway run for Shakespeare.

The heavy burdens of the leading roles make imperative the vacation period if the road is to get the fresh performances to which it is entitled.

Staged by Miss Webster, the production has been designed and lighted by Robert Edmond Jones. Special music was composed by Tom Bennett. John Haggott served as associate producer.

## 3 Is a Family to Move

Because the Longacre Theatre will be turned into a radio playhouse on June 1 under a lease to WOR, 3 Is a Family, which has been holding forth at that theatre for the last 55 weeks, will move to the Belasco Theatre, beginning its performances there with the matinee of Sunday, May 28.

An extra matinee will be given on Tuesday, May 30 to mark Decoration Day.

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**MISCHIEVOUS** — As Edgar Bergen laughs, Charlie McCarthy's fingers crawl stealthily into Orson Welles' pocket. Could be Charlie thinks he'll do a harmless bit of increasing on the meager allowance allotted him by Bergen. Welles is the guest of the Chase and Sanborn show on May 28.

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This is the zoo in Central Park, Prospect Park or any park menagerie on a sunny afternoon (especially Sundays). It is also the zoo in Leningrad, Moscow or Kiev.

For this highly decorative album has captured the universal spirit of children all over the world. It is jolly, tuneful and yet always full of fact, inquiry and curiosity.

The clever lyrics for this educational trip through zooland are from an original poem by S. Marshak, great Soviet poet and author.

The setting is immediate, the opening couplet giving the scene: "In the morning, early, early All the zoo's a hurly-burly."

and always educational: "The old walrus and his daughter Treated me to ice-cold water."

or "All the zebras are, of course The wild cousins of the horse."

and filled with comparisons that are funny for children: "Did you ever wash an elephant? Washing him is a big job."

or the penguin describes himself thusly: "Don't I look just like a sack? One part whiter, the other black."

A gay tune has been composed for the poem by Sam Morgenstern, who also wrote the music for the

Robeson Birthday Song. Here is a Man. Charles Lichter and orchestra add excellent accompaniment to the clear diction and fine singing of Richard Dyer-Bennett.

This album has been made possible only by the brilliant and generous aid of the above mentioned artists and all proceeds of the sale go to Russian War Relief. Now it's up to you to buy it for the children (and yourselves).

## 'Taxi to Heaven' New Soviet Film

Artkino's new comedy-musical, Taxi to Heaven, featuring Ludmila Tselikovskaya, whose singing won enthusiastic American audience approval in Spring Song, will open at the Stanley Theatre today. The film, directed by Herbert Rappaport from a script by the late Eugene Petrov, indulges in considerable good-humored satire at the expense of a Slavic Sinatra who finds himself incessantly tracked, trailed, and in one instance, treed by a covey of Moscow bobby-socks in eager quest of autographs. The musical score is by Yuri Biriukov.

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## Late Bulletins

### Political Action Committee Of CIO to Be Probed by House

Daily Worker Washington Bureau

WASHINGTON, May 23. — The House Rules Committee today approved a sweeping investigation of the CIO Political Action Committee.

Chairman of the investigation will be Rep. Clinton Anderson, New Mexico Democrat who generally follows administration policies and who had introduced a general resolution to investigate campaign expenditures of congressmen. But the committee instructed Anderson to go after political contributions by any "labor organizations, including any political committee thereof" in language clearly aimed at PAC.

This tricky double-play was effected by giving formal approval to Anderson's resolution—and then substituting for it a resolution sponsored by Rep. E. C. Gathings of Arkansas.

The Gathings resolution goes even further than a similar proposal by Rep. Howard Smith of Virginia, and authorizes investigation of the presidential and vice-presidential campaigns in addition to congressional campaigns and includes vi-

olation of state as well as federal laws.

Administration members of the committee, including Reps. John Delaney of New York and Chairman Adolph Sabath of Illinois, dropped their opposition to the Gathings resolution when Anderson was named chairman of the committee.

What attitude Anderson would take towards PAC was not known; his record on such matters is considered uneven.

In any event the investigation authorized this year is far broader than the usual investigation of campaign expenditures.

Rep. Delaney said that not a single violation of the law by a congressman had been reported in some 20 years of investigations.

Rep. Smith pointed to the real aim of the majority Democrat-Republican coalition on the committee when he said:

"I want to get at the CIO before the damage is done."

This was taken to mean—before he himself is defeated.

### Soviets Down 14 Planes

LONDON, May 23 (UP).—The daily Soviet war bulletin broadcast by the Moscow radio tonight again reported no important changes on the Eastern Front and said that on Monday Russian forces shot down 14 enemy planes.

### 230 Tons Drop on Wotje

PEARL HARBOR, May 23 (UP).—Central Pacific aerial forces shifted the weight of their "clean-up" offensive in the Marshalls Sunday to Wotje atoll, dropping 230 tons of bombs in the second concentrated strike against a single target within a week, Adm. Chester W. Nimitz announced today.

Following up the day and night battering of Jaluit atoll with 240 tons on May 14-15, Maj. Gen. Willis H. Hales' combined Army, Navy and Marine land-based planes struck during daylight at Wotje, 187 miles east of Kwajalein.

### Liberators Pound Biak Island

ALLIED HEADQUARTERS, Southwest Pacific, Wednesday, May 24 (UP).—American Liberator bombers, wheeling over the Japanese air-dromes on Biak Island Monday, dropped 150 tons of bombs, starting large fuel fires and setting off heavy explosions, a communique announced today.

### Jersey Democrats Back 4th Term

TRENTON, N. J., May 23 (UP).—New Jersey Democrats meeting in convention here today called for a fourth term for President Roosevelt while state Republicans, holding a similar meeting, heard their permanent chairman, Gov. Walter E. Edge, launch an attack on the present administration.

Congresswoman Mary T. Norton, state Democratic chairman, called on the women of New Jersey to support a fourth term for President Roosevelt in order to prevent a longer period of war and "many, many more casualties."

### O'Daniels Steamrollers Texas Parley to Name Anti-FDR Head

AUSTIN, Tex., May 23.—A hand-picked State Democratic convention today elected an anti-Roosevelt man for temporary chairman and voted down a motion to pledge support to the Democratic Party. The convention was steamrollered by Sen. Lee O'Daniel's machine composed of camouflaged Republicans and members of the pro-fascist Christian American Association.

The vote for temporary chairman, in which former Gov. Dan Moody defeated the pro-Roosevelt candidate, former Gov. James V. Allred, was close.

Following the defeat of the pro-Roosevelt group on the two votes by the packed convention, the group

bolted but returned to stage a show-bolted fight on the question of pledging all presidential electors to support the party ticket.

Rep. Lyndon Johnson, leading FDR supporter who persuaded the bolters to return, promised:

"If the convention refuses to pledge electors for the Democratic nominees, then let's give them an honest-to-God old-fashioned Roosevelt convention."

This would mean a primary fight for a slate of presidential electors pledged to FDR.

Sen. O'Daniel's strategy is clear: to prevent instructions to the state's national convention delegates, and if Roosevelt is nominated, to boll-

## Daily Worker

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U.S. engineers clear the Appian Way in the vicinity of Itri, south of Rome, of bomb-inflicted rubble. Allied troops drove through this area for the drive on Terracina, 25 miles from our beachhead at Anzio.

### By a Veteran Commander

#### GERMAN RETREAT FROM ITALY

PLEASE note that we use the word "from" not "in." The German retreat in Italy is self-evident and does not need a question-mark. However, the German retreat from Italy, or at least to the line of the Po or thereabouts, is another story.

Hitler's own newspaper said that Field Marshal Kesselring would yield both prestige and territory to save his army and the "German retreat, as far as can be judged, will continue to northern Italy." We don't know, of course, how far Hitler's paper can judge, but to us it has always seemed that the rats would run up the sewer when pursued as long as nobody cuts the sewer ahead of their flight.

There is little doubt that Kesselring has no great reserves in Italy, although it is doubtful that he has already used them ALL. He probably has enough left to hit back as he retreats. As we pointed out before, there are plenty of "Hitler lines" between the Liri and the Po. One of them should be within cannon-shot of Rome so as to force the Allies to fire on the Eternal City and accept the responsibility.

At the moment, our southern flank has been somewhat pressed back near the sea, but has made progress in the mountains north of Terracina. French, Canadian and Polish troops are attacking Pico, Pontecorvo and Piedimonte, but are meeting fierce resistance. [The Germans have announced the evacuation of Pico.—Ed.]

We can announce the appearance of a new "line." It is called the "Rome Line" and is supposed to run from Valmontone to Velletri and to the north-eastern apex of the Anzio beachhead. The defense by the Germans of such a

line would presuppose a junction between the Anzio troops and the Fifth Army and would bring our troops to within distant gunshot of Rome. This is the line toward which Kesselring will fall back (probably after an attempt at a counterstroke) in his attempt to get out of Italy slowly, "gracefully," and with as much damage inflicted on our troops as possible.

FLYING FORTRESSES delivered yesterday a heavy blow at the naval base of Kiel. Liberators struck at the Pas-de-Calais area. Fighters and fighter-bombers strafed airfields, trains, etc., in France and Belgium.

THERE is nothing to report from the Eastern Front.

BATTLING in the first monsoon downpour, Chinese and American troops tightened their hold on Myitkyina. From his observation post General Stilwell can now see the mountains of China which to him symbolize the near completion of his task—the clearing of the right-of-way of the new Burma Road.

The Chinese have staged a remarkable comeback in central Honan and have now recaptured a long stretch of the Peiping-Hankow railroad. But further west the situation is less promising. The Japanese have almost reached the border of Shensi and appear to be striving to establish a front between the elbow of the Yellow River and the gorges of the Yangtze (roughly from Tungkwang to east of Ushang). If they succeed, they will nullify the Chinese gains to the east (along the Peiping-Hankow railroad) by creating a great encirclement of the entire Honan Province. In such an operation the Han River would help them.

OUR planes are already using the Wakde Island air strip (1,000 miles from the Philippines), two days after it was captured. This is fast work, indeed.

Tokio claims our task force has attacked Marcus Island. This enemy base, 1,200 miles south-east of Tokyo, was attacked by us last in September, 1943.

Our China-based planes bombed a convoy off Indo-China.

PINKY RAKIN

While THE COMMANDOS WALK INTO THE TRAP OF THE "DESERTED" VILLAGE, SOMETHING IS HAPPENING ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE TOWN...



I HEARD IT SAID THAT BRITISH COMMANDOS PLAN TO RAID OUR CITY. THE NAZIS HAVE HERDED US ON TO THIS FARM SO WE COULD NOT COOPERATE...



...WHILE THEY HIDE IN OUR HOUSES, MAKING OUR TOWN A HUGE BOOBY TRAP.

